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<u>TOWN</u>	<u>POP.</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>POP.</u>
Allen	204	Buckingham	
Alonso		Bull Creek	75
Alpharetta	350	Cypre	184
Alvin	113	Clear Creek Jct. (Wed)	100
Arba	30	Cliff	100
Arbath	140	Colie	
Arkansas		Colliver	
Arcilla	15	Colonial	5
Arnier	500	Cracker	30
Arora	111	Cragnor	43
Arps Branch		Dana	50
Asbury	54	Dewey	60
Ashover Creek		Dinwood	350
Ashover Jct.		Dock	65
Ashover Lane	750	Dony	16
Ashville	250	Dotson	30
Ash River	75	Drift	200
Ashland	216	Dwale	260
Ashley	350	Eastern	187
Ashland	37	East Woodbury	
Ashley	10	Edgar	20

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Albion		Hunter	35
Arva	110	Ivel	55
Endicott	15	Jacks Creek	
Estill	60	Johnsonia	50
Fed (N. E. Clear Creek Jct.)	100	Jump	
Galveston	35	Jestell	
Garrett	1,000	Lackey	522
Garth	26	Lambert	50
Garhart		Lancer (Bull Creek)	75
Geyran	18	Lane	25
Gibson		Laynesville	50
Glo	450	Len	
Goodhue	55	Ligon	100
Greathill	27	Linwood	75
Gule	100	McDowell	500
Harold	150	Marrs	
Higgo		Martin (Smalley)	799
Hite	29	May	
Hunter	55	Maytown	150
Indianville		Melvin	28
Irving	350		

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Midas	25	Welco	
Middlecreek		West Prestonsburg	250
Minnie	80	Wheelwright	1,822
Myrtle	50	Wheelwright Jct.	
Northern	261	Whitaker	
Orinney	10	Wonder	15
Osborn	50	Woods	100
Prestonsburg	2,105		
Printer	35		
Pyramid	47		
Rail (Rockabury)			
Reister	25		
Richburg			
Valley (Fortin)			
Webbary			
Wheeler	25		
Wright	357		
Wright			
Wright	31		
Wright	2,436		
Wright	1,509		

Prestonsburg, the county seat, has three hotels and one boarding house. Each village or coal mining camp in the county has its boarding house or hotel or clubhouse as they are sometimes called.

510. Auxier Hotel of Prestonsburg is operated under the A. or E. plan as customers prefer, but the A. plan is usually preferred. The hotel is located on First Street opposite Richmond's Department Store and just south of the bus station. The building is of red brick and steel construction with wood work inside. The lobby, office, dining room, and kitchen are on the first floor. The other two floors together have 36 rooms with 42 beds. Rooms may be had single, in pairs, or apartments. Modern conveniences are furnished as gas heat, electricity, bath rooms, and fans in summer. The dining room seats 24 people. It is comfortable and clean. Wholesome homecooked foods are served in the good old southern way by uniformed colored waiters. This hotel is registered grade A by the County Board of Health. Free parking space and 7 garages are furnished by S. R. Auxier, manager, who radiates hospitality to every one. This place is open day and night and is frequented by traveling salesmen and tourists.

New Valley Inn is located 242 First and Main Streets. The left wing of the building is white frame; the right wing is of brick and steel construction. These are connected by a runway and sunparlor combination in the rear overlooking the Big Sandy River. Here modern conveniences are enjoyed summer and winter including steam heat. There are 24 rooms well furnished and approximately 25 beds. A bath room is located on each floor. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 and regular meals 50¢. The dining room seats 50 persons. Guests are served by colored waiters and porters. Parking space is free to lodgers. This inn is open day and night and Mrs. J. H. Sellards, owner and manager of experience is always ready to welcome the traveler with courtesy and hospitality.

Clark Hotel, east on First and Main Streets is a frame structure with 9 bed rooms, office, lobby, and dining room, and is managed by Mrs. James Clark, wife of the present local Justice of the Peace. The dining room seats 20 persons, and home cooked foods are served. Rooms are heated with gas and have the old time bowl and pitcher for water.

B. Tackett Boarding House is being taken over by Mrs. H. E. Stewart of Prestonsburg. This building is located on Fourth Street next to the county jail, is frame, has 12 rooms and is being furnished with 15 to 20 beds. It has been classed D by the County Board of Health.

Three small Tourist Camps serve travelers on U. S. Route 23 near Prestonsburg.

Abbott Mountain Tourist Camp and W. H. ("Bill") Craft's Bar-B-Q, a restaurant and road house is located on top of Abbott Mountain c. 2 miles west of Prestonsburg on U. S. 23. There are 8 furnished cabins and free parking space. The place is popularly known as "Bill Buck's". Young people come from all the surrounding counties to dance and make merry.

The restaurant will seat c. 30 people and has about four booths. A 35¢ plate lunch, regular meals, and beer, whiskey or wine is served to customers' orders.

A pool room in connection is frequented by campers to while away the time. Again the floor is cleared and the patrons dance to the tune of fiddle and banjo or an electric phonograph.

The scenery is rather interesting from Abbott Mountain. Especially one will enjoy the view looking eastward or southward along Abbott Valley.

John Ratliff's Tourist Camp is located two miles east of Prestonsburg on U. S. 23 near the mouth of Brandy Keg Creek and opposite the mouth of Bull Creek. It has 4 cabins with total of 5 rooms and beds. This place is neat and attractive. The restaurant seats 15 persons and is graded B by County Board of Health.

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The Smith Camp c. $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Prestonsburg on Route 23 was lately leased by Morgan Turner of this county for 5 years. Here are 4 cabins and 2 residences in which are 8 rooms with beds. The restaurant seats 20 and serves short orders as well as regular meals. Prices of meals are 35¢ and 50¢.

Osborn Hotel and Inn is located at Allen, Kentucky, on First Street across from the depot. It is owned and managed by Mr. W. H. Osborn of Allen. The structure is a frame with 8 rooms and a dining hall which seats 20 persons. Rooms are \$1.00, meals 50¢ and parking space is free. This place is covered by insurance, and is classed B by the County Health Board.

In each of the various mining towns is the clubhouse, inn or hotel, usually owned by the coal mining company and managed by some experienced individual. These places are maintained for the convenience of the company officials themselves as well as travelers, and often classed A or B by the County Health Board.

Beaver Valley Golf and Country Club, Inc., was organized and incorporated in 1930. The golf course and club house are located about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above Allen in Beaver Valley. The club is made up of business men and coal company officials in the county. Mr. George Pow of Wayland is President, Mr. J. F. Heinze of Prestonsburg, Vice President and Bill Malone of Allen, Kentucky is Secretary and Treasurer. The membership at present is 35 and growing. The annual meeting of the club is held on the first Saturday in each year. The club grounds and club house are opened April 1. Occasional socials, banquets, and dances are held at the clubhouse and are open to ladies' clubs and other service and religious clubs by arrangement.

The Abbott Heights Country Club, Inc. was organized and incorporated in Prestonsburg in 1932. Abbott Heights Golf Course and clubhouse are located at the base of Abbott Mountain $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north west of Prestonsburg on U. S. 23. The present membership is 49 with prospect of 60 by the middle of the season. The president is Mr. H. B. Patrick and the secretary, Mr. Earl Moore, both of Prestonsburg.

There are no private or night clubs to be found in Floyd County. As to service clubs, there are the Kiwanis, Woman's Club, and a Business and Professional Women's Club. The Prestonsburg Rotary Club died a violent death and was buried with much ceremony in 1931, famous for the fact that it was the second to ever die.

533. Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club has its meeting each Friday at 6:00 P. M. in the Valley Inn where the 18 members have supper together. Hon. William Dingus of Prestonsburg is President, Rev. H. F. King, Vice President, Will H. Layne, Secretary and Joe M. Davidson, Treasurer. An annual banquet is given in January of each year, to which ladies are invited.

The Woman's Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in a home of some of its members. Mrs. E. P. Hill, Jr. is President; Mrs. F. L. Heines, Vice President; Mrs. E. H. Sowards, Secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Harlow Treasurer. A gentlemen's meeting is held near each February 14 and occasionally inter club meetings are given. The club sponsored the T. B. stamp sale at Christmas time and all children's clinics. At present it is interested in cleaning up the streets and culture in general.

Business and Professional Women's Club has its meetings on the First and Third Mondays of each month in its club rooms on the second floor of the Hughes Building on First Street. Mrs. Bess Golden is President; Anna Harris, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Corey, Recording Secretary and Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, Treasurer.

In March of each year Business Women's Week ends with a banquet and other clubs are invited, including men's clubs.

Their motto is "Better Business Women for a Better Business World".

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The annual meering of the club is held the second Wednesday in February at Prestonsburg, and the grounds are opened about March 15th.

Intermitant dances are given usually at regular club meetings. Club socials are held about 4 times each year, open to all club members and their guests, with refreshments served.

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The nine restaurants in Prestonsburg range in grade A to D by the County Health Board. These are located along First Street, and Court Street to about opposite the court house.

City Cafe on corner of First and Court Streets opposite the Bank Josephine seats 24 people. This place has a clean, well kept appearance, plenty of light, good ventilation, gas heat, and fans in summer. A variety of well prepared foods are served with fish and other aquatic foods a specialty in season. A regular meal is 40¢, plate lunch 35¢ and short orders according to amount served. Cold drinks, beer and tobaccos are sold at local prices. This restaurant is classed B by Health Board, and is now operated by Mike Psoras of Prestonsburg.

New Dixie Cafe, on First Street by the First National Bank and operated by May and Rosa Skeans, seats 25 persons. Regular meals are 35¢.

Chew and Chat Inn, a restaurant in #65 Court Street, commonly known as "Mollie's Place", seats 30 people. Meals are 35¢. Place is run by Mrs. Mollie Pattone of Prestonsburg. Then there are the Red Front Restaurant, and Emma's Place across the street in the next block where good food is served.

Prestonsburg Cafe is on corner of Court and Third Streets at the "light" (the only traffic light in Prestonsburg,) managed by Rhoda Grey of Prestonsburg. It seats 30 persons and meals are 35¢. If one wishes to dance just drop a nickel in the phonograph and begin.

Allen's, Dotson's and Stewart's Restaurants across from the court house on Court Street each seats 10 to 16 persons. These places serve whiskey and beer and have the usual food prices.

There are 5 restaurants in Allen, Kentucky, the best of which are Jim Patterson's on Second Street, seating 16 persons, class A, and A. L. Prater's in the "Y" where Routes 23 and 80 meet. From 1 to 6 restaurants or lunch rooms will be found in each mining camp or small town in the county. None of these are out standing.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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John I. Sturgill

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W. H. Craft, Abbott Mountain Tourist Camp, Prestonsburg, Kentucky
John Ratliff, Ratliff Tourist Camp, Lancer, Kentucky
Jake Stapleton, Allen, Kentucky (Restaurants)
Miss Edna Prater, Floyd County Relief Worker, Martin, Kentucky
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Company, (Engineer), Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Kiwanis Club, Mr. William Dingus, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Kentucky
B. & P. Women's Club and Woman's Club, Miss V. McCombs, Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Hand Craft Shop, Mr. Sherdian Rice, East Point, Kentucky

There are no known cliff dwellings located in Floyd County. However, semi-caves are sometimes used by poor families for stock.

The first log cabin was built by John Spurlock in 1791, where Prestonsburg now stands, gives Prestonsburg the distinction of being the oldest town in the valley.

A county court house was erected by Thomas Evans, contractor, on the site of the one which has been destroyed by fire in 1808. Log construction.

Floyd County Times, Issue Nov. 23, 1934

The first frame building in the Big Sandy Valley was the home of John Graham, an old fashioned house built by Graham on his homestead tract at Emma, Floyd County. It was completed in 1807. Mr. Graham carried his wrought iron nails and window glass across the country from Mt. Sterling by mule back, about 1802. (Jillson's Sandy Valley, P. 128.) This building was torn down in 1898 by A. N. Leslie.

Johns residence, I. Richmond house and Ford house on First Avenue, Prestonsburg still contains a part log structure. The log structure is covered by siding. It is noticable by the thickness of the window and door casements--E. P. and Mrs. Arnold, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The first siding and other lumber for frame work were sawed by hand, the old whip saw method.

Many log houses were sided in this manner makin them warmer and giving a nicer appearance.

From the Civil War days until recent years, country houses were built resembling example given. They were very comfortable. The upstairs porch extending across the entire front could be used in summer as sleeping quarters.

The first brick buildings were constructed of brick, locally made by hand in hand made kilns. Some examples yet standing are: the May house at Cliff, the A. J. Fennylson house at Allen, and the older part of

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our present Court House (built in 1891 and completed in 1892). The styles of these buildings are in keeping with the styles of their time, the gay 90's.

Wm. Dingus, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Ky.

(Steamboat day in Floyd County and before the railroad).

Since 1905, the coming of the railroad, we've access to the excellent building stone over in Rowan County, Kentucky and the brick works of Carter.

Recent buildings are framed with steel. Not many fireproof buildings have as yet been constructed in Floyd County.

Log Cabins may be found in nearly any rural section of Floyd County. These are usually situated far back from the main roads in little valleys or even on the mountain side and occupied by the poorer class of people with a few exceptions. A few young folk prefer an up-to-date house of logs.

Floyd County now has all the styles of architecture it has had since 1791.

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Frazure, of Prestonsburg, one of the Couriers who carried orders to Pickett

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for the famous charge at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. Uncle Andy at 93, is clear minded and hale, walks the streets and converses with friends. Gets \$30. per month, pension.

WRITERS:

Mrs. A. J. Davidson, author of Josie M. Davidson, Her Life and Work, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Mrs. Davidson was born near Jonesville, in Lee County, Virginia, May 7, 1857. Her father, Park Martin, emigrated to Floyd County, Kentucky when she was one year of age. A quiet, cultured woman and jolly, she made and held friends wherever she went. She was loved by young and old alike.

She had her Autobiography published in 1922 which was copyrighted the same year. This book is not for sale. Copies were given to friends and relatives of the family. She died May 16, 1926.

Professor W. R. Thomas, Author, Allen, Kentucky.

"Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky".

(Unable to get exact date of his birth, about 1860) Was accidentally killed by the train at Allen, Kentucky October 1934.

He taught in the Floyd County Schools for more than 50 years and was generally liked as a teacher and instructor.

The critics have given the book a terrible round, but the material is certainly authentic. Most of it was compiled from as good Regional Histories as ever were written on Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Thomas was a small man, inclined to brag and not very foreful in nature. The writer is of the opinion that it was his personality that made the bad impression and not his book.

Mr. Norman Allen, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Editor, Floyd County Times, was born November 5, 1902 at Hueysville, Kentucky. Floyd County. Mr. Allen is a writer of ability and a gifted Journalist. He still writes and gets syndicated Feature Stories and Articles for the Associated Press and International News. (does not wish to give names of articles or dates)

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We can find only one Floyd Countian who has taken out a patent.

Mr. Alex M. Spradlin, West Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Spradlin obtained a patent on an Ink Stand in 1927. Born Oct. 22, 1894 near Prestonsburg Kentucky. Was employed by U. S. Tire Co. in Master Mechanics Office 1916 and 1917.

Ford Motor Company, Detroit 1921 and 1922, Clerk for Floyd County Board of Education 1926-1934.

He is now Floyd County Tool Clerk for W. P.A..

Allen City, is a sixth class incorporated city with a population of 234. It is located at the mouth of Beaver Creek on the west bank of the Levisa River. Route 30 passing through Allen and crossing a large State Highway Bridge joins U. S. Route 23 on the east side with a large "Y". In this "Y" facing route 23 is a lunchroom, Road house and filling station combination. It has been known recently as Prater's Lunch Room. Just back in the forks of the "Y" is the State Highway Service Garage. Allen is nine miles from Prestonsburg South. The Beaver Valley Branch of the C. & O. R. R. has its Junction here with the Big Sandy Division. There has been a Depot at Allen since 1905, when the Big Sandy Road was first completed. Then Allen was important as a freight Station for all Beaver Valley. Much timber drifted out of Beaver Creek was rafted here to be run to Catlettsburg. Today one changes cars at Allen for points in Beaver Valley. Freight is taken directly to Martin yards.

Allen has three Restaurants, Bus Station, four stores, one Lunchroom Soda Fountain and one Hotel, eight rooms, framed, Grade B and situated on Main Street opposite the R. R. Depot.

The (Enterprise) Missionary Baptist Church stands just back of the second Street on the hill, an old framed building. Rev. J. M. Dingus of Prestonsburg pastors this congregation of 286 members, holding monthly meetings.

The Edna M. Hughes School Building, a public school is situated West of Main Street over in the bottom near the Creek bank. This building was erected as a result of the Caney Creek Community Center work. Picture of same is given on Page 34, Thomas's Life Along The Hills and Mountains of Kentucky.

Floyd County Bank stands on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue. This is the bank which was unsuccessfully held up by bandits

a few years ago. It is a small affair but rather active.

Beaver Valley Golf and Country Club is one-fourth mile up the Valley on the opposite side of the creek from Allen. It has several acres of land with log Club House and a Golf Course.

The Post Office is Allen. Until just two or three years ago the R. R. Station was called Beaver Creek. Now the P.O. and R. R. Station are of the same name.

Amba is a small village on Big Mud Creek one mile from Harold and just below the mouth of Toles Creek. It is on an improved road which connects U. S. 23 at Laynesville via a concrete bridge. Amba has three stores, Post Office, and a one roomed school. The Letsy Layne H. S. District includes this village. The gas industry is active in the vicinity.

Auxier is an important mining town in the northern end of Floyd County. It is situated on the banks of the Levisa one-half mile above the mouth of Johns Creek and about two miles from U. S. 23 at East Point. Its a latitude of 630.

The town was built more than twenty-five years ago by the North East Coal Company, of Johnson County. It was named Auxier in honor of the Auxier family on whose farm it is located. The coal is now being mined in mine No. 10, a slope mine in Johnson County beyond Johns Creek and tramed about three miles crossing the creek by bridge through the Mountain and across the River. The Auxier Mine Bridge is one of the highest bridges crossing the Big Sandy River. It is built on the level with the top of the coal tipple and connected with elevated tracks across town. The tipple is made of steel with a loading capacity of more than 40 hundred tons per day.

The town has about five or six hundred people most of whom are miners and their families. There are the Company Commissary, 3 Independent Stores, Mountain, Pool-room Theater, M.E. Church, R.R.

Depot, and Auxier Consolidated School. This is a twelve teacher School including four year High School. There is a large Gymnasium and Athletic field adjoining town and on the school grounds. Auxier Theater gives daily talkies in the evening always good pictures and large attendance.

It is only three quarters of a mile to the sight of Maxman's Station below the Mouth of Johns Creek on the Johnson County side of the river. This was the first permanent fort in the Big Sandy Valley and the one where Jenny Wiley sought refuge from her captors. No marker stands to mark the sight but all local histories give Block-house Bottoms as the sight of this Fort. The story of Mrs. Wiley is handed down to us.

Steam boats were once coaled from the old mines along the mountain side above the mouth of Johns Creek and near Auxier.

The Wireman Shoals battle was fought one mile above Auxier, and during the Civil War.

Says Branch village one-half mile south of Wireman Shoals on the west side of the river has a R.R. flag stop and a one-roomed school. It has no post office or store. The village is in Auxier High School District. The southern Army passed through here after the battle at Wireman Shoals, fifteen hundred mounted men with prisoners and carrying stores captured from Federal supply boats.

The village has about twenty residences and one small street or road.

Betsy Layne is one mile below the Mouth of Big Mud Creek on both sides of the river. The Big Elk Horn Coal Company was operating here about 1921 and 1922 on the old Layne farm. The town was first built at the Betsy Layne Branch on the west side of the river. The post office is Justell, the R. R. Station Betsy Layne. The Station has a Substantial Depot and waiting rooms. While the mine was active, there was a good sized town along this side of the river, several stores

theatre, fountain, roller rink and two hotels. Now the main part of the town is on the East side of Levisa bordering the Mayo Trail, U.S. 23. The town extends up Lower's Branch past the Pike-Floyd Coal Company's Operation. A Spur Track and A. R. Bridge connects the mine with the C. & O. R. R. The company commissary and offices are located in this branch.

Along the trail (U.S. 23) are two restaurants, barber shop and two filling stations. Out on the River Bank south of the A.R. Bridge stands the Betsey Layne High School building and Gymnasium. Adjacent to the "Gym" is the High School Athletic field. In this bottom running parallel with the highway are two streets bordered by several residences.

Just recently the coal tippie at Betsey Layne was partly destroyed by fire. There is a question as to whether it will be rebuilt soon. The starving miners and their families are being fed by the W. P. A. Commodity Project and the Red Cross.

---Floyd County Times, July 1936.

The Betsey Layne High School had 215 High School pupils enrolled in the school year 1935 and 1936. This High School has one of the best locations in the county both as to grounds and serving the District.

Banner is a small village by the railroad at the mouth of Frater Creek and two miles southeast of Allen on the same side of the Levisa River. It has a R. R. flag stop station, post office, three roomed school, and one general store. Banner is near the site of the Frater Creek feud of 1933. This village is also on the old road that was once considered the nearest route from Allen to Pikeville. The old road passes up Frater Creek across a mountain and down Little and Creek by way of Harold to Pikeville.

General Nelson probably traveled this way when he went to meet Col. May at Lyle in the Battle of 1861. The story goes that Nelson's

Army took the West Side of the River opposite Ivy Narrows.

Bonanza, a village on the old State Road six miles from Prestonsburg, it is five miles from Cliff up Abbott Creek on the old route to Salyersville. The W. P. A. has recently improved the road in this direction connecting U. S. 25 at Cliff just a few yards up Abbott Mountain from the bridge.

Bonanza was built as a result of a large logging job years ago and still lingers. The Prestonsburg Coal Company's operation on Abbott Creek helped it along. It still has several residences, Post Office, a four year High School and General Store.

Alphoretta is a small town near the forks of Beaver Creek and one mile above Martin. The R. R. Station is Dinwood, a small depot with two waiting rooms. The town has a two roomed school, mine operation and store.

The first R. R. tunnel on the Beaver Valley branch of the C. and O. is just above the Mouth of Stephens' branch at Alphoretta. The mine opening and coal tipple are immediately north of the tunnel.

This is the old home of the Dinguses. Senator W. L. Dingus of Prestonsburg remembers an old race track that existed here just after the Civil War. He as a boy, played around the track and watched the races.

Wm. Dingus, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Ky. 3/4/16

Cliff is the little village at the base of Abbott Mountain one mile from the center of Prestonsburg by the Highway bridge. It is connected with Porter Addition of Prestonsburg by the Highway bridge. Cliff has a post office, R. R. Flag Station, Abbott Heights Country Club and Golf Course and one store.

The place got its name from the high cliff overlooking the R. R. Station. Just beneath the highway bridge is the old ford, a crossing place used for many years by the old State Road. The oldest residence is the Hatcher place on the little branch beside the bridge and near the Big Cliff.

The school building is about one half mile below the station by the R. R. track. Here is the remains of an old mine operation belonging to the Prestonsburg Coal Company.

Drift is a little mining town of Left Beaver Creek seven miles from Martin and three miles North of McDowell. Drift has a large mine operation, R. R. flag station stop, post office, theatre, school, and two stores including the Company Commissary. Mining is carried on here on both sides of Beaver Creek. The Altitude of this place is about 700 feet.

Roads are poor and most all transportation is by rail, especially in winter. There is a road proposed for Left Beaver but is not being constructed at present.

Dwale is an incorporated city of the sixth class. It was incorporated while a successful mining town. The Incorporation lingers though the mine has ceased operating and most of the miners moved away. This city is located one mile north of Allen on the west side of the river at the foot of Bull Mountain. Dwale has a R. R. Station stop and an improved road leading to the highway at Allen. This is part of the old State Road. It used to connect the East side of the river with a ferry at the old Ferryman's house and boat landing opposite the city. Dwale Junior High school and one store face the railroad near the center of town on the main street. The Bull Mount in battle was fought on top of the mount in back of Dwale during the Civil War. One soldier's grave remains to mark the spot.

East Point is a little village at the mouth of Little Paint Creek on U. S. Route 25. Little Paint Creek at East Point is the line between Floyd and Johnson Counties. The village lies mostly in Johnson County. It has a U. S. R. station stop, three stores, a two roomed school, two churches, Post Office and a filling station.

East Point is about half way between Paintsville and Prestonsburg and has an altitude of 615 feet, the lowest in Floyd County. The village of East Point is just across on the west side of Levisa River from the Black House Bottoms in Johnson County. Somewhere in these bottoms stood Harman's Station, the fort which received and protected Jeany Wiley after her escape from the Indians on Mud Lick Creek. The Legend goes that Mrs. Wiley's baby was murdered by the Indians right where East Point now stands, and before her eyes, the men of the fort being unable to prevent it. Jennie had just been ferried across the river on two logs fastened together by grape vines when the Indians arrived on the west shore requesting her to come back to them, with the only English words they knew, "Honor, Jenny, Honor". They were answered by a volley of rifle bullets from the fort. Then the old chief standing superbly, decked in his finest feathers, painted, and large brass rings in his ears proceeded to kill the baby. Another hail of bullets and he and his party vanished in the direction they had come.

Anna, a village on the west bank of the Levisa River opposite the mouth of Cow Creek and three miles below Allen. Anna Post Office and U. S. road flag Station were named for Mrs. Anna Taylor of Prestonsburg. The village is built on the original homestead of John Graham early settler. The old Graham house among the remains of the Graham residence still stands in the south end of Anna near the home of Mr. L. C. Leake.

Emma's two roomed school building is situated just above the R. R. station facing the tracks and the main street. Judge John Graham, pioneer surveyor, banker, merchant politician and once wealthy landowner lies buried in the little cemetery overlooking the town. This town is approached by way of the Railroad or from Route 43 by a suspension bridge.

Fed is a small town at the mouth of Clear Creek on Left Beaver Creek. Here the Clear Creek Spur has its Junction with the Left Beaver R. R. Fed Junior High and Consolidated School is a three-roomed brick standing just back from Clear Creek on the South Side of town. There is no R. R. Depot but one of the two stores near the station serves as ticket office and waiting room. About the only means of transportation to Fed is by rail. One may leave the train here and wait until it has made its trip up Clear Creek to Ligon then again board it traveling up or down the Beaver Creek Road. There is a R. R. Tunnel going south on the Main Line. On The North side of this small intunneled hill and near the railroad a large substation owned by the Kentucky West Virginia Power Company Operating High Tension lines in Beaver Valley.

Estill, a small mining camp between Lackey and Maryland on Right Beaver Creek has about twenty-five houses and no railroad station. The usual Company Commissary adorns the town. School and Church are attended at Lackey nearby. An improved road connecting Route 40 at Lackey borders Estill in the East. The average mining camp has all its houses painted the same color. Such is true of this one. All buildings are of a dirty brown color.

Source 4 is a city of over two thousand population situated on the Beaver Valley and Elkhorn Branch of the C. & O. R. R. about 15 miles from Milan in Beaver Valley (Right Beaver Creek).

It has four daily passenger trains and a U. S. Station but the depot is at Lacey, nearly, one mile south of Garrett. Route 22 goes through town.

This city is incorporated with Wayland the same mining company owning mine operations at each place. There are two large coal tipples, one at west Garrett and one in the main part of town.

Garrett has nine stores. Two of these are drug stores and one a meat market. Four Restaurants, one fountain, one hotel and one theater accommodate the public in this city. The theater is a modern talkie showing daily afternoon and evening.

Garrett Consolidated School has the largest attendance of any school in the county. The High School gives six years work.

The church building of the M. E. Church, is valued at \$6,000. Glo, is a little mining town on the West Side of Beaver Creek at Wayland. The Wayland incorporation extends to the very edge of Glo-glory camp. The town has two stores, school and mine operation. The mine belongs to The North East Coal Company. A spur track crossing the creek from the E. V. & E. Branch of C. & O. R. R. serves the mine. The streets of Glo are reached from the highway via a steel bridge near the center of town. Buildings of Glo are all a brilliant yellow. The boarding house stand in the north end of town. This mine operation makes its own power in a small electrical plant near the coal tipple.

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The shopping center is Main Street opposite the railroad. Police Station is located on Main Street.

Weeksbury Post Office South Main Street by the Club House.

Weeksbury Theater, Movie House, situated on Main Street. The Club House is owned and operated by the Elkhorn Mine. Coal. It seats 350 people. Daily shows in the evening starting at 7:00. Regular admission charge of 15¢ and 25¢ under special prices.

Weeksbury Fountain and Lunch Room, Main Street across from the Club House near the company store. 28 chairs. Usual fountain drinks. Dinners 50¢ Plate Lunch 35¢, Sandwiches 10¢, and 15¢. Ice cream.

Weeksbury Club House on Main Street opposite the depot. Operated under American plan. Free parking service, electric lights. Meals 50¢ board \$1.00 up. Grade B by Health Department. Mrs. L. Manager.

(Weeksbury and Wayland Banks closed during banking holiday)

WEST GARRETT---includes the Wells-Elkhorn Coal Co. Operation one-half mile west of Garrett's business center. Tunnel of Beaver Creek in the vicinity of the tipple. This addition of 450 with the mine running steadily four and five days.

On located the B. V. and B. Branch of the U. S. R. R. R. R. Station is used by West Garrett inhabitants as well as Office and other services except that of company store. The Store and Club House are owned and operated by the Wells-Elkhorn of West Garrett.

Levi's River is incorporated with the town. On the west side of the Levi's River at the mouth of the river is connected with the main city by a concrete road. The ground crossing is at the railroad station. The river joins the main city of West Garrett. 150 feet south of the

The C. & O. R. R. station is one square east of West Main Street, the business center.

Taxi rates are 25¢ from West Prestonsburg to the main part of Prestonsburg otherwise one must hitch-hike or walk.

West Prestonsburg speed limit is 20 miles per hour. Fines for breaking 15.00 to 10.00

Park on either side of the street to the right. No unusual regulation.

Streets named are R. R. Street, Main, and Duncan, others are numbered. From Main Street, the business section travels east, cross R. R. Street through underground crossing; over concrete bridge via Garfield Addition to U. S. Route 25 on Carter Boulevard.

Police Station Prestonsburg city Hall.

A A A Headquarters Pure Oil Filling Station, Prestonsburg.

West Prestonsburg Post Office East Main Street on square from R. R. Station.

Amusements and recreations services are the same as for Prestonsburg.

WHEELWRIGHT--is an incorporated city in Floyd County with a population of 1322 and situated on the Left Beaver Branch, Wheelwright part of the C. & O. R. R. Twenty-two miles from Martin, two miles from the Lexington Jct. on the main branch line and five miles from Jacksonburg. One of the largest coal operations in Floyd County is located here, owned and operated by the Inland Steel Coal Co.

The railroad station is in the town's business center on Main Street. From Main Street.

No buses serve the city. Taxi rates are the usual ones. Fines for driving in town and trips by arrangement with the driver.

Speed limit 15 miles, with the usual fines, 10 to 15 for breaking it. There are no unusual parking regulations.

The principal street is Main Street. Other streets and driveways connect coming in from the mountain side on the north. The main highway follows Main Street, thence to Wheelwright Jct, Delvin, and via Indian Mountain to U. S. 23 two miles north of Virgia in Pike County.

Wheelwright Post Office is on Main Street Opposite the railroad station.

The movie house on West Main Street seats 400. Shows are given daily in the evening at 7:30, rates 15 and 25 cents usual charge. Owned and operated by the Inland Steel Coal Company, Inc., Wheelwright, Ky.

Wheelwright Club House is situated on Main Street by the company commissary one hundred yards from the railroad station, 25 rooms--American Plan--Grade B--free parking, electric lights, rates \$1.00 and \$2.00, meals 50%. Halley L. Shiney, Manager.

Mike Latafik's Boarding House, South of railroad track, opposite coal tipple, 17 rooms, American Plan, electric lights, free parking, rates board \$1.00 to \$2.00 and meals 50%.

Wheelwright Jct., is a small town on the Left Beaver Branch of the C. & C. R. R. twenty miles from Martin and at the junction of the Wheelwright spur with the main branch line. The railroad station faces the main line just East of the spur track, the business section being clustered around it, on Main Street which is also the highway leading south to Wheelwright and east to Worksburg.

The post office is Bypro, one-half mile west of the Junction in H. Jones' Store.

Look at the Junction and vicinity around the river in Wheelwright.

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the exception of Bonanza.)

Allen, an incorporated city in Floyd County with a population of 284 people is situated on the west bank of the Levisa river eighty-four miles by rail from Catlettsburg at an altitude of 633 feet. This city is important as one must pass through it enroute to Floyd's industrial cities and towns in Beaver Valley.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Depot at Allen is located just above (south) the mouth of Beaver Creek and near the river bank, one street intervening. The west side of the station faces railroad street and beyond this street is Allen's business block. The station is one square from the business center.

The Fairchild Flying Field, one mile west of Allen's business center in Beaver Valley, is reached by Route 80. Taxi rate 25¢. It was recently under repair and is not being used at present. When in use taxi planes fares were \$2.50 for fifteen minutes in the air and trips arranged with the Aviator. No regular air line used in this field.

There is a Union Bus Station opposite the railroad station on Railroad Street. It is used by the Sparks Bus Lines, Inc., Sparks Bros. Bus Company and The Eagle Bus Company.

Taxi Station next to Bus Station--Rates 25¢ anywhere in the city, trips by arrangement with the driver.

TRAFFIC REGULATION:

Speed limit 15 miles per hour in the incorporation. Fine \$5.00 to \$10.00 and cost. Observe the usual State Driving and Traffic Laws.

The streets are named. The Route 80 follows Main Street through the town. The block between Main and Railroad Streets is the business and shopping center.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Post Office. Located at Corner First and Main Streets.

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Amba has no streets. Residences of the village are strung along the roadside for one half mile. Stores are rather evenly located. The post office is in R. B. Clark's Store, west side of the road near the center of Amba, W. E. Meads' Store, General Merchandise, south end and J. J. Boyd's Store, General Merchandise, is located at the east side of the road at the north end of the village.

One may call at the post office for any information necessary.

There are approximately twenty-five homes in Amba. The gas industry is increasing rapidly in the vicinity.

AUXIER is situated on the banks of Levisa River 61 miles from the mouth of Big Sandy River and near the mouth of John's Creek. This mining town was named for the old Elijah Auxier family on whose land it is built.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Station stands near the center of town and one square west of the business center.

The closest Bus Line is the Sparks Bus Line, Inc., (buses passing at intervals of two to two and one-half hours) on U. S. Route 23 at East Point Kentucky, two miles northwest of Auxier. There is no bus station at East Point, but buses will stop for passengers.

There are no special traffic regulations. The usual state laws are observed.

No streets are named other than Main Street. Auxier's places of business are on this street from the center of town, to the south/^{east} end. The Auxier-East Point Road follows Main Street north-west in the direction of East Point, the opposite is toward Bays Branch and Cliff.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE:

Post office by the Auxier Boarding House on Main Street and opposite Company Commissary near the center of town.

Information concerning Mine-North East Coal Co. Office in same building as store.

Auxier Movie House and Talkie, East Main Street, seats 350, shows daily in the evening. Rate 15¢ and 25¢. Thomas Moran, owner and manager.

Big Sandy Amateur League, Auxier Ball Park, east end adjoining High School grounds. Games on Sunday. Admission free.

Auxier Fountain and short order lunch, east Main Street by movie house. Usual fountain drinks. Sandwiches 10¢. Seats 18 people. Thomas Moran, manager.

G. H. Burke, General Merchandise, east Main St. by M.E. Church

S. R. Auxier, General Merchandise, east end facing Ball Park

Alex Paton, General Merchandise, east end by railroad.

Auxier Boarding House, Main Street, center of town, American plan, eight rooms, (company owned) meals 50¢, \$1.25 per day, room and board. Electric lights. Mrs. German McKenzie, manager.

Banner, a village two miles east of Allen on the C. & O. Railway at the mouth of Prater Creek. The railway station is at the north end of the village.

The only business is I. N. Hall's Store, a gen. mdse. located by the railroad station on the north side.

Banner streets are not named nor numbered.

U. S. Route 23 is across on the east side of the Levisa River from Banner. It is reached via the Prater Creek Road and Route 80 at Allen.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE

Banner Post Office located in Hall's Store.

The village three roomed public school is located at the south end of Banner, about one half mile up Prater Creek.

Banner was for many years the home of Prof. W. R. Thomas, author of Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky. He taught school for several years in the Banner School. A picture of this school building is given on page 293 of the book named.

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Bus Station, Railroad Street opposite the railway station.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATION:

Young people use the public school play ground for tennis and various games.

The Beaver Valley Golf and Country Club owns a nine hole Golf Course and Club House one fourth mile from Allen on the north side of Beaver Creek. It is a private club, but Civic Clubs are allowed to use the club house free of charge. Non-members play golf by paying a green fee, fifty cents to help keep up the greens.

No annual event distinguishes the city nor has it any Civic or Business Men's Clubs.

Beaver Hotel and Inn south of Railroad Street, Allen, Kentucky. American plan, eight rooms framed building (12 rooms, only 8 for roomers) electric lights, hot and cold water, rate \$1.00 and \$2.00. Free parking, graded B by Floyd County Health Board. W. H. Osborn, Manager.

Paterson's Restaurant, south Main Street, Grade A, 15 chairs, dinner 50¢, plate lunch 35¢, sandwiches 10¢. James Paterson, manager.

Allen Fountain and Lunch Room, Railroad Street opposite Railroad station, 10 chairs, fountain drinks, dinner 50¢, plate lunch 35¢, sandwiches 10¢. Grade A. Joe Fannin, manager

Crisp Barber Shop, Railroad Street, one chair, shower 25¢, haircut 40¢, shave 20¢. All prices code with Prestonsburg shops. Felix Crisp, manager.

Telephone: Allen Central Office or Information serves surrounding towns, Banner, Emma, Langley, Martin, and Alphoretta.

Alphoretta is a small unincorporated town one mile above Martin at the mouth of Stephen's Branch and near the forks of Beaver Creek. This is six miles from Allen by rail.

The Beaver Valley and Elkhorn Branch of the C. & O. Railroad

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passes through the town. The Railway Station is a small depot and platform near the center of town on the north side of the track. Immediately to the rear of the Railroad Station, Dinwood, is the town's one street bordering by residences. Two stores and the Alphoretts Post Office.

Across on the south side of Beaver Creek is Route 80 over which the Sparks Brothers Buses and Eagle Buses pass regularly day and evening at intervals of approximately two hours. These buses will stop anywhere for passengers.

A taxi may be called from Martin, phone 27M, Station in front of Martin Grocery, Martin, Kentucky. Bill Allen, driver.

It is only necessary to observe the usual State Traffic Laws.

The only street is called Main Street or The Street.

The Main Highway is reached via a county road leading northeast from Alphoretta.

One may call at the Post Office or one of the stores on Main Street for information.

STORES

Dock Ratliff, General Merchandise.

Ella Preston, General Merchandise.

A two roomed school is situated at the mouth of Stephen's Branch on the west side of the town.

AMBA, the little village of Amba is situated one mile from Harold on Big Mud Creek in Floyd County. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad station is at Harold.

The Mud Creek Road recently improved by the W.P.A. passes through the center of Amba connecting U. S. 23 at Lanesville by way of the Harold-Lanesville concrete bridge. Buses of the Sparks Bus Line Inc. will stop here for any passengers.

The post office is situated near the center of the village. The only business is M. A. Stanley's store, Gen. Mose, and a saw- and broom factory. Mr. Stanley is a blind man.

Cliff. The C. & O. Railroad Station is immediately north of the highway bridge and one mile from Prestonsburg's business center. Cliff is only an unincorporated village with no stores nor other places of business.

Taxi rates are 25¢ to any point in Prestonsburg.

Cliff has no streets. U. S. 23 and Abbott Creek Road pass through this village at the southern base of Abbott Mountain.

The Post Office is on the west end of Cliff on Abbott Creek. Just over in the Abbott Valley west of the railroad is the Abbott Heights Country Club and Golf Course. Here Prestonsburg's business men play after office hours.

Drift is a mining town seven miles south of Martin on the left Beaver Railroad. Elevation 666 feet.

The C. & O. Left Fork Beaver Railway Station is on the south side of Drift Mining Camps.

There are no bus lines nor taxis. Roads are poor. Most everything shipped to Drift comes by rail. Streets are neither named nor numbered.

Route 80 is reached by traveling north over a county road to Martin.

The post office is just a few yards from the Railroad Station.

Movie House on Drift's principal street shows daily in the evening, 15¢ and 25¢ admission. Seats 350 people. Lawrence Keathley, manager.

Drale is an incorporated city one mile north of Allen on the C. & O. Railroad and has its railroad station in the center of town opposite the mouth of Drale Branch and faced by the city's Main Street. Drale has no business houses at present. It is one mile to Allen and the bus station. Taxi rate to Allen is 25¢.

The city streets are named. A county road leads to Street to Allen and Route 80.

Public Information concerning Dwale can be obtained at the Office.

Last Point is on the line between Floyd and Johnson counties at the mouth of Little Paint Creek, elevation 615 feet.

The C. & O. Railroad station is on the east side of the Levisa River bank and one square from business center.

There is no bus station, but Spark's Buses will stop at Mayo Trail which passes through the center of Last Point. The name is not named. The post office is in the west end by the highway. B. J. Robinson runs a general store and filling station at the East Point Highway Bridge, on the Floyd County side of the river.

Emma is a small town on the C. & O. Railroad 87 miles from the west bank of the Levisa River seven miles south east of the mouth of the river three miles from Allen. Its elevation is 640 feet.

The railroad station is in the center of town beside the main streets. Taxi rate to Allen is 25¢. The Highway U. S. 23 is on the east side of the river and reached by bridge. Emma Post Office is on Street in Goble's Store. The only store in Emma is J. L. Goble's Merchandise.

Estill, a small mining town on Right Beaver Creek is on the Branch of C. & O., twenty miles from Martin and two miles from the mouth of the river.

The railroad station is on the east side of town and is the business center. Route 80 is reached by following the highway from the end of main street to Lucky. Estill's streets are named, however, the principal street is called Main Street.

Any information necessary may be obtained at the office near railroad station or the local law office.

The Company's payroll of Vice and Commissioner are in the same building.

The boarding house is called Estill J. House, has American plan, 10 rooms, electric lights, meals 50¢, board 1.25 per day. A. J. Griffin, manager.

Fed is a small town at the mouth of Clear Creek on the left Beaver Branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Here the Clear Creek Spur joins the Main Left Beaver Line. The Station is called Clear Creek Junction and is situated right at the junction of the tracks named. This junction is 18 miles from Martin.

The business section is right by the station and facing the town's one street which has no name.

The nearest highway is the improved road at Wheelwright Junction four miles south and is reached via a county road.

Fed Post Office is kept by Mr. Green Daman who also runs a general merchandise store and railroad ticket office across the street from the railroad station. One hundred yards north of the same side of the street is Mr. W. Boyd's Gen. Store.

Garrett is a large mining town on the Beaver Valley and Elkhorn Branch of the C. & O. Railroad 18 miles from Martin and incorporated with Wayland. This situation comes very nearly being a "Believe it or not" story, two towns Garrett and Wayland incorporated together being three miles apart and the incorporated town is Lucky between. The railroad station is in the center of town between the railroad and route 90 which follows the main street.

Spark Bros. Co. Bus and Light Co. Bus pass through Garrett on route 90 stopping at the company store which faces the end of the street just back of the railroad station.

Taxi rates anywhere in the city and at nearby towns are 25¢. 1935

limit 15 miles per hour in the Incorporation, also observe

State and County Traffic Laws. For breaking the speed limit
\$5.00 to \$10.00 and the cost.

Streets are unnamed with the exception of Main Street
followed by route 80. Main Street is also the shipping station
Railroad station.

Garrett Post Office is situated one half square from the
station on Main Street. There is no police station in there
Police court is held in any available auditorium.

Garrett Movie House on Main Street seats 450, shows
usually 15¢ and 25¢. Has stage plays occasionally, rendered by
companies and radio stars such as Uncle Dave Macon, Riley Fickett and
Bert Layne. This theatre is owned and operated by the Elkhorn Coal Co.
of Garrett.

Garrett Hotel is situated on the west side of the railroad near the
railroad station, 25 rooms, electrically lighted, American plan. Rates
\$1.00 and \$2.00, meals 50¢. Bill Francis, manager.

Garrett Fountain and Lunch Room, 10 chairs, Main Street, W. Simpson,
Commissary. Dinners 50¢, plate lunch 35¢, sandwiches 10¢ and 15¢. Grade
Operated by Elkhorn Coal Company.

Glo is a mining town 20 miles from Martin on B. V. & A. Branch of
C. & O. R. R. and one mile from Wayland Railway station. This town is on
the west side of Right Beaver Creek across from the improved road. It
accessible by a steel bridge.

The R. R. station is on the same side of the creek as the
and near the east end of the road bridge.

Sparks Brothers Bus Company buses stop on the highway near
R. R. Station for any passengers.

Streets are not numbered. Elkhorn Coal Company Company
Office are situated at the west end of the cross street which is

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the bridge and railroad station.

The inn is in the north end of town by the railroad spur which serves the Bogle's Mine. This is a nine room frame structure with electric lights, American plan, rates, board \$1.25 per day, meals 50¢. A. L. Cuff, manager.

Harold, a small town at the mouth of Big Mud Creek on the C. & O. Railway. The railroad station is on the east side of town by main street where it crosses the tracks to the Harold-Lanesville concrete bridge. The railroad station is in the business center. The street mentioned is the only one named or numbered. U. S. 23 is on the east side of the river across the bridge from the end of Main Street. This is the shipping point of Harold.

Harold Post Office is next door to the railroad station on the west side facing Main Street.

Harold was formerly a wide awake mining town. Only a remnant of the mining population remains. The town is now made up of private residences.

Hueysville is a small town on the B. V. & E. Branch of the C. & O. Railway, opposite the mouth of Salt Lick Creek, Right Beaver Creek.

The Railway station, Bosco is situated on the south east side of town approximately 150 yards from the business center.

Hueysville streets are neither named nor numbered. Route 30 runs along the hill on the east side of town and is reached by a road leading up to it from Bosco Station.

The principal street from the railroad is followed by the main road. Here are the stores and the shopping section.

Hueysville Post Office is one half square north of the railroad at the base of the hill between the railroad and Route 30.

There is tradition that a wealthy oil miner and industrialist buried his gold somewhere in this town. Folk still look for it.

the treasure.

Ivil, a village on the C. & O. Railway four miles southeast of Allen. The railway station is near the center of the village between the railroad and the one street. Ivil residences face the street on the opposite sides.

Across on the east side of the river at the mouth of Ivy Creek is J. K. Stratton's Store, General Merchandise. Here in the Ivy Narrows was fought the historic battle of 1861.

One cannot reach the streets of Ivil by automobile. The Levisa River is fordable in summer with horse or wagon.

Ivy Post Office is on Main Street near the railroad station. A monument has been proposed for the Ivy Narrows or Ivy Mountain Battle Site.

Lackey is an incorporated city in Floyd County on the B. V. & I Branch of C. & O. Railway, 19 miles from Martin, one mile from Garrett and two miles from Wayland. This city has a population of 522. Its altitude is 709 feet.

The railroad station is in the center of town on the east side of the railroad station across from route 30. The business center is just across the track from the railroad station.

The Bus Station, Main Street, opposite the railway station and used by Sparks Bros. Bus Company and Eagle Bus Company. Taxi rate 25 in town, trips by arrangement with driver. Speed limit 15 miles. Fines for breaking \$5.00 to \$10.00 and cost.

The principal street is called Main Street or Railroad Street. This street connects with Route 30 at south end. Shop on Main Street at the railroad depot.

One changes at Lackey from train to bus for Indiana. Right over to the Floyd-Knott County line at the mouth of the river. Right down river creek.

The Lucky Post Office is situated back from Main Street
the Railroad Station between the boarding house and Collins' Store.
North of Collins' Store on the same side of Main Street is Lucky
and Movie House, which seats 350 persons, shows daily usual prices 15¢
and 25¢. Mike Staley, manager.

Jonas Collins, Gen. Mdse. Main St., north of post office.

Bill Terry, Gen. Mdse., South Main Street.

Dr. M. M. Collins' Office North Main St. by Jones' Fork Road.

Lucky High School, west side of Beaver Creek opposite business
center and near the county line.

Lancer is a village on the Mayo Trail, U. S. 23, two miles east of
Prestonsburg and at the mouth of Brandy Keg Creek.

The C. & C. Railway Station, Bull Creek is situated across on the
west bank of the Levisa River at the mouth of Bull Creek.

Taxi rate is 25¢ to Prestonsburg.

Lancer to Prestonsburg by bus 15¢.

Mayo Ferry one hundred yards from U. S. 23 in the center of the
village ferries pedestrians only. Rate to railroad station 10¢ per person.

Lancer, village, has no streets.

U. S. Route 23 passes through the village's center. The John's
Creek Road meets Route 23 on the north side of Brandy Keg Creek. In the
forks of the Road is C. F. Conn's General Store and Lancer Post Office.

Lancer residents seek amusements in Prestonsburg.

Laynesville, a small, but old, old town is situated on U. S. 23
just across the river from Harolds and one mile south of the county
line at Glasgow.

The railroad station, Harolds is at the west end of the Mayo Trail
from Laynesville business center.

The streets are not named nor numbered.

The Mayo Trail, U. S. 23 is the principal street and highway and the

town's business places cluster along the sides.

The Post Office is Harold, next door to the railway station of the same name on Harold Village's main street.

Laynesville's people find amusement in Pikeville.

Ligon is a mining town in Floyd County at the head of Clear Creek five miles from Clear Creek Junction, on the Left Beaver Branch C. & C. Railway, Clear Creek Spur. The railway station is halfway between two mining camps, each having large coal operations. The miners homes are situated along the mountain sides near each mine. Along the base of the mountain near the railway station live private residents. Ligon's business center is by the station with only a road between.

Ligon Post Office is across the road or street from the railroad station. Beside the post office is Hall's Pool Parlor. The usual game of pool played is called "Scratch", at five cents per game and the loser pays the "House".

People of this town find most of their amusements and recreations in the larger towns of Wheelwright and Weeksbury traveling by train. (All local unions of the United Mine Workers of America meet each week at present, Saturday is the preferred day. Each member is forced to be present one meeting day per month or lose his job).

McDowell, Altitude 800-900 feet. Unable to get population. It is on the C. & O. R.R., has a High School, several stores and is the home of Mr. Palmer Hall, County Superintendent of Schools.

Dwale, is just a little hamlet, an example of the dead mining camp, one mile north of Allen. It is at the base of Bull Mountain on the south side. At the top of Bull Mountain is the site of an engagement between General Garfield's men and the Rebels. Here is the grave of an unknown soldier thought to be of the Southern Army. Lieutenant Greenville Davidson of Prestonsburg, an officer in the old army of the Confederacy, always kept the grave fenced in his life time. It is thought that he knew the soldier who fell there.

There is a two year High School at Dwale.

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An incorporated city of Floyd County has a population of 700 and is situated on Beaver Creek five miles from Allen at the junction of the S. V. and A. Br. of U. S. C. R. R. with left Beaver branch of U. S. C. R. R. It has an elevation of 351 feet and is one mile from the forks of Beaver Creek.

The Railroad Station is on the west side of the creek at the base of the mountain and one half square from Martin's Business Center.

The Bus Station is just across R. R. Street from the station. Buses also stop on Main Street of New Martin one square from the R. Station and across Beaver Creek. This Street is followed by

80. Sparks Brothers Bus Company and Eagle Bus Co. use these routes.

Taxi Rates, 25¢ anywhere in town and trips by arrangement with driver.

Martin's Streets are named. Speed limit 15 miles--Usual \$5.00 to \$10.00 for breaking.

R. R. Street, 1st, Avenue and Main Street of New Martin to 1st Avenue make up the business center and shopping area. Street is right on Route 80.

Martin Post Office, 2nd Avenue, East of R. R. Street on from R. R. Station.

Movie House, Martin Theater North Main Street shows 11:00 a.m., usual rate 15¢ and 25¢, Mike Staley, Manager.

Martin business men play golf at the Beaver Valley Golf Course, 1/4 mile from Allen. This isn't a public golf course, and Church Clubs are Club House and Non-member's facilities. Some of the following are in the area.

The largest Hospital in Alcock County is situated on Martin's south side, The Beaver Valley Hospital, New Martin, Hospital Street.

RAYTOWN--, a small town on Right Beaver Creek 100 miles from Allen and three miles from Martin at Langley Post Office is on the S. V. & L. Branch of the C. & O. R. R. The R. R. Station is in the east end on the east side of Beaver Creek two Squares from Raytown's business center. There are a few stores and restaurants near the station.

The bus station is on West Main Street near the Post Office. It is used by Sparks Bus Company and Maple Bus Company.

Taxi Rates are the same as for Martin and Allen.

The usual State Traffic Laws are observed.

Main Street, the principal shopping Street is the only one named and is followed by State Route 80.

Langley Post Office is in Ed Sutton's Store on the corner where Main Street and the first cross street join (West side of Right Beaver Creek).

Raytown has an excellent high school with a large auditorium where the town's residents meet in socials and various entertainments. These entertainments are especially pertaining to the school. In the summer folk are entertained in season by H. B. Basket Ball games.

MCDEVILL--is an incorporated city on the Left Beaver 10 miles from the C. & O. R. R. ten miles from Martin and at the mouth of Bear River Creek. The R. R. Station is just across front street of the business center.

There are no bus lines nor of them at McDevill.

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McDowell Post Office is in Mill Hall's store across the street from the R. R. Station.

Residents of McDowell attend the service at drift times, either north traveling by train, or car in winter.

WHEELWRIGHT, a village at the mouth of Amers Fork or Left Weaver Creek on the Left Weaver Branch of C. & O. R. R., two miles south of Wheelwright Jet. and one mile north of Weeksburg.

The R. R. Station is near the village's center and in front of the one store, J. D. Hatfield's Gen. Store.

There is an improved road passing through Melvin to the towns Wheelwright and Weeksburg on either side. This road joins U. S. Route 23 near Virgie in Pike County.

Melvin people find amusements in the nearby towns already mentioned.

PRESTONBURG--the County seat of Floyd, County, Kentucky is situated on the Big Sandy Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway lines 30 miles from Ashland, Kentucky.

The railroad station at Prestonburg is on R. R. Street in West Prestonburg four city squares and across Levisa River from the business center.

The bus station is on Carter Boulevard south of Court Street and is used by Sparks Bus Lines, Inc. Paintsville, Kentucky.

Taxi rate 25¢ cents anywhere in town, trips by arrangement.

20 miles speed limit, no turns on red light, turn any direction on green light.

Court Street between 2nd and 4th Avenues is one-way traffic parking on either side 30 minutes limit.

No parking on the north side of the east of Court Street.

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JOHN I. BISHOP

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Usual Charges:

For parking on North side of Court Street except between 2nd and 1st Street Avenues or over 30 minutes on either side between 2nd and 1st Avenues \$5.00 fine.

For running red light, \$5.00--Speeding \$5.00 to \$10.00. Running any car without a muffler, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Streets are named and numbered and so are the Avenues.

Carter Boulevard over which U. S. Route 23 passes, was constructed between 2nd and 3rd Avenues and numbers remain the same.

Court Street and 1st and 3rd Avenues are principal shopping streets.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

A. A. A. at Pureoil Filling Station N. E. Corner Court St. and Carter Boulevard.

Police Station, City Hall, Hill St. in square north of Court St.

Post Office, corner Court St. and 3rd Avenue.

A. A. A. AND REGULATION:

Movie houses--two, one of which is under construction and will be open by October 15 1936.

Big Sandy Amateur Base Ball League Gas Company Park, North side Garfield Addition by U. S. 23.

AMUSEMENTS:

Fourth of July Celebration under the auspices of the American Legion the citizens men of the town contribute.

GIVEN TO RESIDENTS BY THE CLUB:

Highway Club meets each Friday evening, 8:30 P. M. at the Club Room, and Monday, then proceeds with regular meeting.

Business and professional women's Club has their meetings on 1st Avenue. First and Third Landings in morning.

Fourth of July celebration in the town of it's history and the first of July.

The Unique Theater and Movie House on Court Street between First and Second Avenues seats 350. Shows daily matinee at 2:30 P. M. and evening 7:30. Usual rate 10¢ and 25¢. W. B. Byrd Manager.

The Lufail Theater, stage 18 feet by 26 feet, building under construction, to be opened October 15, 1933, will seat 333 people. This building is situated on Court Street between 2nd and Carter Boulevard. Rates not fixed. K. T. Allen, Manager.

New Valley Inn, American and European plans, 342 1st and Main Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. 24 rooms, Rates, \$1.00 to \$3.00 meals 50%, steam heat, hot and cold water, electric lights and fans. Free parking space. Dining room seats 50 people. Open day and night. Manager, Mrs. J. L. Sellards.

AUXIER HOTEL, American or European plan. First Avenue, south of Court Street. Three stories of brick and steel construction, 53 rooms, hot and cold water, electric lights, and fans, free garage and parking space. Rates \$1.00 and up, meals 50%. Dining room seats 24 people. Open day and night. S. R. Auxier, Manager.

CITY CAFE: S. E. corner 1st and Court streets, seats 24, rates--- Dinner 40¢, plate lunch 35¢, sandwiches 10¢ and 15¢. Grade A, Mike Peoras, Manager.

Georges Cafe, in bus station, Carter Boulevard, seats 35 people. Rates, Dinner 50¢ plate Lunch 35¢, sandwiches 10¢ and 15¢. Mrs. Bradley George, Manager.

City Barber Shop, Corner Court Street and 2nd Avenue. 1200 P. M. Manager. Three chairs, shower bath 15¢, haircut 40¢, shave 10¢ plain shaves 10¢, concialle 1.75¢ plain shaves 40¢ and 50¢, manic 10¢.

The three other shops could not be reached.

Floyd County has no daily paper.

The only daily news paper is the Floyd County Times published every Friday by the Prestonsburg Publishing Company, Inc. Court Street, opposite Court House, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Times is an independent paper with a circulation of 1600, subscription rate \$1.50 per year, edited by Mr. Norman Allen of Prestonsburg.

This paper usually runs eight pages with the most important news and head lines on the first. The front also runs a double column feature story in its center toward the bottom sometimes finishing up on the 7th or 8th page. The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth pages carry less important news items, articles and advertising. The seventh page runs a regular novel or continued story and advertisements. The eight and last page gives the remainder of continued news from first pages.

The Floyd County Times took over the old Prestonsburg Post about eight years ago and since that time has lived up to the motto, "A Progressive Paper for Progressive People".

COURT HOUSE OF FLOYD COUNTY:

The first Floyd County Court House stood on the old public square, donated by John Graham, Pioneer. The old public square was on the Lewis River bank west of 1st Ave. about where the D. A. R. Memorial now stands to John Graham now stands. This building was burned May 2, 1903 destroying all records. By authority of an act of the Gen Assembly dated December 27, 1903 Commissioners, Harry Stratton John Spurlock, and C. C. Williams with Jas. Mayo were appointed, and sworn in by the Hon. Justice of the Peace to replace records. The oldest records were destroyed and replaced by this commission.--Dated June 1, 1916. Court House.

Floyd County's second court house, a two story building, was built on the site of the burned one in 1903, the building is now the

public square to Wm. Dingus, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, in 1834 and
down by him the same year.

The present Court House was built in 1891 and completed in 1894.
The foundation is of hand dressed stone taken from the mountain side near
Prestonsburg. The odd red brick were hand made at home and panned
"homemade" improvised kilns. This is to the best of Wm. Dingus' know-
ledge and recollection. Other old folk in Prestonsburg agree that
is true.

This present structure of two stories stands nestled in a cluster
maple trees on corner of Court Street and Third Avenue with a lot
in front which is surrounded by a concrete fence four feet high. On
right side is the old hitching rack where maybe seen daily two or
or thirty horses and mules hitched while their owners shop in town
attend the business of court.

The large two door front entrance of the court house is protected
by an old fashioned portico with two plain metal columns placed
bottom to resemble some Greek Architecture. Through the center of
floor runs a large hallway flanked with offices. The right side
to rear, Circuit Clerk's Office, Vault, School Superintendent's Office,
of the Peace Dist. 1. Left side of Hallway front to rear, stationer,
County Clerk's Office, Vault, and Grand Jury Room. On the second
to the front is the large court room which will seat 350 people.
Bar is at the rear of the room and back of it is one jury room
for witnesses, and the Judge's private room. At the head of
way and clear along the left side of the court room are the
offices. The Circuit Court room just described, has on its
following enlarged pictures. Ex-Judges -- J. M. Stewart, E.
J. L. Burns, A. J. Ammer, and J. M. Brown.

Ten years ago a left front wing was erected to the present house. It is also two stories, red brick, and is occupied, first by County Judge and County Attorney's offices, second floor, the Court Room which seats 200 to 250 people. This room is finished with no outstanding decorations.

On Jan. 22, 1936 while Circuit Court was in session a fire broke out in the attic immediately over the Judge's bench in the old part of the building. It was finally stopped but left a damage estimated \$10,000. Records were damaged somewhat by water but none completely destroyed.

The building is now being repaired by the County. A new roof will be put on and all the inside refinished. The Circuit Clerk's Office will be made to include the old school Supt's Office room, and a new room for Circuit Court Records.

The building will be equipped with drinking fountains through the County Court Clerk, A. B. Meade says, "about eight to ten dollars will be spent on repair work."

There are two banks in Floyd county both of which are in Knoxville.

The Bank Josephine is situated on the corner of Court Street and First Avenue, a two story buff brick. As per statement published 1936, this bank's total assets were \$1,030,567.71, Total Liabilities Capital \$1,030,567.71,

George P. Archer, Cashier

H. D. Fitzpatrick,

A. J. Richmond,

Walter S. Markens, Jr., Directors.

The First National Bank, Reserve Dist. No. 4, as per statement

June 30, 1936, Total Assets \$343,979.93, Total Liabilities

Henry Stephens, Jr., Cashier

A. P. Allen

A. J. Smith,

C. J. Smith, Directors.

WICKED COUNTY

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KENTUCKY

SALISBURY: A village three miles from Martin, Kentucky,
Leaver Branch of the C. & O. R. R. The R. R. Station is
the center of this village and its business has grown up
the station.

Salisbury has no bus service nor taxis. Most people
train

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Mr. Bill Allen of Salisbury, Kentucky Consulted August 25, 1936.

Mr. T. Flannery, Maytown, Langley, Post office, Kentucky. August, 25, 1936

Mr. Norman Allen, Editor of the Floyd County Times and native of Hueysville. Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Consulted August 25, 1936

Mr. Ellis Bradly, Miner, of Wheelwright, August 11, 1936.

Mr. F. H. Hall, Teacher of Galveston, Kentucky--formerly resident of Weeksbury---August 11, 1936.

Mr. Will Spradlin, Policeman, W. Prestonsburg, Kentucky August 12, 1936.

Hon. William Dingus, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Consulted Aug. 25, 1936.

Mr. A. B. Meade, Clerk, Floyd County Court, and Deed Book Records August 12, 1936.

Mr. Elder Wright, Barber, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Aug. 12, 1936.

The writer has visited each of these towns with the exception of Wheelwright, Weeksbury, and the village of Warco.

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File 1

Mr. John Moore, Hunter, Kentucky, Floyd County, was born July 10, 1871 on the left Fork of Beaver Creek. He is a typical old timer, knowing all the customs and lore of the locality and especially his neighborhood. His schooling was not much--never went in a Reader--just the old blueback spelling book. No geography nor readin'.

The school of experience and hard knocks he thinks is a dear one and not easily forgotten. He's a farmer and came down to town to help his boy (a grown and married man) that has a case in circuit court here.

W. A. Fraley, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, May 9, 1872. Came to this place when a child. He finished the grade school of his day. He is a preacher in a small way--fireside sermons a specialty. He has a gift in making rhymes. He lives in a log cabin at the head of Stratton Branch across the mountain from Prestonsburg. With him live his wife, daughter and the daughter's little son, a "bastard child" (not offensive to Mountaineers). A very interesting old fellow to talk to and is pleased to have one compliment his poetry.

George Goble, Sr., Dewey, Kentucky, an 80-year-old farmer, does not know exact birth date, but thinks he is around 80. He does not read nor write. He has "spelled" sometimes. His by word is "I be die", uses "gonnies ser" occasionally. He was an apprenticed blacksmith, but doesn't follow the trade anymore.

Hon. A. B. Combs, Lawyer, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, is a native of Knott County, but has practiced law in Prestonsburg about 15 or 20 years. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He is a brother to Dr. Josiah H. Combs, (degree from a French U.) Professeur a la Faculte des Langues Vivantes--Universite de l'Oklaoma also author of Folk Songs du Midi des Etats--Unis. Lawyer Combs isn't any authority on folklore or costumes, but is interested because of his brother. He has some of Dr. Josiah H. Comb's works in his library.

CONSULTANTS
FLOYD COUNTY

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George Sherman, 60 year old farmer of Dewey, just told us a late one on the Swift Silver Mine (Myth). Some one has just found an old furnace (remains) on the top of a mountain near Greasy Creek, over in Martin County. There was some old charred cinders from which this person run out some virgin silver. He won't tell the man's name, but is sure it is true. Mr. S. is a prospector (sour dough type) carries specimens in his pockets (quartz, silver, etc.). We are told he and his partners use the mineral rod. They won't tell much about it. The writer has seen the specimens. A quartz vein has recently been staked in the vicinity of Little Paint Creek, essayed, and it was talked that a ton of the ore was trucked to a stamping mill last summer. Essay shows silver and some gold they say. The specimens the writer saw show particles of metal in real hard looking stone.

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Mrs. Martha Owens, Dewey, Kentucky, born Dec. 3, 1857.

Mrs. K. S. DeLong, Dewey, Kentucky, born May 8, 1884.

W. S. Clark, Dewey, Kentucky, Feb. 20, 1867.

Pearl Harris, Lander, Kentucky, farmer, formerly a gambler.

Mrs. Emma Taylor, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Born at Woods, March 6, 1895. Emma P. O. and R. R. station was named for her.

W. J. Music, Dewey, Kentucky, born Oct. 8, 1876. Reached fourth reader. Attended school both in Johnson and Floyd Counties. Was once a good poker player. Is now a religious citizen. Farmer, and has reared a family of good children and educated them.

J. P. Sturgill, Dewey, Kentucky, born Oct. 28, 1857. Educated in Wise, Virginia and Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Taught 18 years in Eastern Kentucky schools before 1900.

Mrs. M. E. Sturgell, Dewey, Kentucky. Born Feb. 10, 1881.

Alex M. Spradlin, Prestonsburg, Kentucky born Oct. 22, 1894. One year college and Business course. Taught ten years.

Carl Kendrick, Lancer, Kentucky, farmer, Feb. 25, 1892.

Mrs. J. Goble, Auxier, Ky. is quite a talker and can give many folk tales of the past. Schooled in the 3 R's.

Mr. C. H. Burke, Auxier, Kentucky and East Point merchant at Auxier, Kentucky. Ex-teacher and business man.

Mr. Romie Crider, Lancer, farmer and saw mill man.

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Elevations

Maps--Geological Survey of Ky. 1913 Edition--Prestonsburg Quadrangle.

J. I. Moeing. St. Geologist.

U. S. Geological Survey, Dept of Interior. Geo H. Smit, Director
Map of Eastern Kentucky.

Mr. L. C. Lealie, Emma, Kentucky, Descendant of John Graham, Pioneer
Mrs. Emma Taylor, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Blockhouse Bottoms---Harman's Station:

Kerns History of Kentucky. Vol 1. Page 159.

Mr. F. J. Music, Deway, Ky. Born Oct. 3, 1876. Lived most of his life
in and near old site of Harman's Station. He tells the legend of
Jenny Wiley, Origin of Auxier Mining town. And description of East
Point years ago. Consulted July 1936.

Mr. H. Allen, Editor of the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg, Ky.
consulted 8/3/36 concerning Floyd County Cities,
Towns and Villages.

Mr. Millard Roberts, Osborn, Ky. Teacher (Col. Grad.) Consulted
8/3/36

Condensed Through Schedules, Chesapeake and Ohio R. R. lines. PP 12,
13, 14, 20, and 21; PP 12 and 13 maps of R.R. lines giving stations.
PP 21, 21 complete Directory of stations giving table number and
location. Issue of September 22, 1935.

Restaurants, Hotels, etc. Records, Floyd County Board of Health
Inspection Dept., Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

School Records County School Supt's Office, Prestonsburg, Ky. Churches
Rev. L. P. King, M. E. Minister, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

About 3200 words

Friday August 7, 1936

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EDITORIAL REPORT ON STATE COPY
(2 carbons required)Box 2
File 4State KENTUCKY
Subject KENTUCKY FOLKLOREDate 10/3/36
Rating RFLOYD COUNTY:
Singing games,
songs, ballads.

(John I. Sturgill) Many of these songs are not versions collected in the field, but are from books; others, like Red Wing, When the Roses Bloom Again, Lamp Lighting Time in the Valley, and The Little Rosewood Casket, because of their sentimental appeal, are kept before the public by the phonograph and radio, and have remained favorites with a wide audience, but are not authentic folk songs. A collection of this nature, whenever possible, should be compiled from the points of origin, from the people and regions responsible for the song or custodians of the songs of the past, handed down from generation to generation.

ROWAN COUNTY:
Songs and ballads.

(Bessie M. Birchfield) This version of Red Wing is preferred to the Floyd County version (altho it is not a folk song). One Day Day Morning is an excellent example of authentic folk songs to be collected.

FOLKLORE:

(J. R. Wilkerson) Contains interesting material. When the copy is rewritten (as Mr. Lomax suggests) it would be good to retain certain provincial expressions whenever possible, such as: parties of hilarity, devotional visitations, and marriage nuptials.

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~~mines today, " and he doesn't.~~

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File 4

THE MINER'S WORLD

He must be on the job at seven o'clock
And work all day until four;
With an artificial light for sunshine
And coal and slate for a floor.

A cross room for a kitchen
And a break through for a door;
A bucket of cold victuals at mealtime
And stale water forevermore.

A carbide lamp his sunshine;
Foul air his ocean breeze;
A lot of pesky gnats at mealtime;
His debts sweet memories.

In the UnMon Advocate issue of Wednesday, July 29, 1936, page four. This paper is edited by T. J. Holland, and published at Pikeville, Kentucky by the Union Publishing Company. P. O. Box 449.

THE WILD AND RECKLESS MOTORMAN

See the wild and reckless motorman
At the age of twenty-one
See him climb from his motor crying
"Oh, Lord! What have I done?

Have I killed my faithful coupler?
Is it true that he is dying?
I did all I could to save him
But I could not stop in time.

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See the motorman rushing to him
And as he tenderly lifts his head
See his sister bending o'er him
Crying, "Brother are you dead?"

"Yes, sister, I am dying.
Soon I'll reach a better shore.
Soon I'll reach a home in Heaven
Where the couplers are no more.

Will you tell my borther Eddie
These few lines I wrote to him?
Tell him not be a coupler
If he does, his life will end.

Tell my father, he's a weigh-boss,
All he weighs to weigh it fair.
There are no scales up yonder
In the mining in the air."

As composed and sung by Pug "Nose" Blevins, Miner and
Mountaineer Musician, Auxier, and Van Lear, Kentucky.

How about Railroadin'? Well, here's Old Ninety-Seven.

They gave him his orders at Monroe Virginia
Says, "Steve, you're away behind time.
This is not thirty-eight, but it's Ole 97
You must put her in Spencer on time.

Old Steve looked over to his black greasy fireman,
Says, shovel in a little more coal,
And when we cross those White Oak Mountains
You can watch old 97 roll.

He was agoin' down grade makin' ninety miles an hour
When his whistle began to scream,
He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle
And scalded to death by the steam.

Come all ye fair young ladies you must take warning
From this time now and on,
Never speak harsh words to yo' true lovin' husban'
He may leave you and never Return.

As sung by Homer Prater, Mountaineer
Musician, Floyd County, Kentucky.

"Well while down in Virgenny, us
jist go on down ter Lynchburg Town."

LYNCHBURG TOWN

I'm goin' down to town
I'm goin' down to town
I'm goin' down to Lynchburg town
Carry my tobacco down.

Tobacco sellin' high
Tobacco sellin' high
Tobacco sellin' at a dollo a pound
An' I caint afford to buy.

As sung and played by Orville

Sturgill, Mountaineer Musician.

Hello, here's "Blind Dan" Stephens, Howdy, Dan, how about a
little selection on your banjo? Ye know you've made phonograph
records and broadcasted over the radio. Says, Dan, "I'll play ye
"The Round County Feud" fer a quarter." My fingers are sore."
"How about a dime here, boys? Here it is, Dan, "That's the berries.

"How about a dime here, boys? Here it is, Dan." "Dan, that's the berries. What de ye want now?" Let's say something religious, no jigs right now, Dan.

THE LONESOME VALLEY, O. K.--

Hark the voice of Jesus calling
Who will come and work today?
Harvest ripe and Jesus calling,
Who will bear the sheaves away?

Chorus:

You've got a walk that Lonesome Valley
You've got a go there by yo' self
There's no one here can go there with ye
You've got a go there by yo' self.

Some folks say John was a Baptist
Other folk say he was a Jew
But the Holy Bible plainly tells us
That he was a preacher too.--Chorus

Mother said as she was dyin'
Jist before her breath was gone
Put yo' trust alone in Jesus
As I leave ye all alone.--Chorus

Loud and long the Master calleth,
"Who will come and work today?
Harvest ripe and sheaves are falling
Who will bear the sheaves away?"

Fine Dan, that's the best'un yet. Here's Ma, come ter town.

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Say, Ma, they're a makin' music over here in the courthouse yard.
Would you like to hear a piece played? Hit's Dan Stephens,
Pharmer Howell, Orville Sturgill and some more fellers. Yes,
tell 'em to play."

MY WANDERING BOY

Out in the cold world and far away from home.
Somebody's boy is wandering alone
No one to guide him and keep his footsteps right
Somebody's boy is homeless tonight.

Chorus:

Bring back to me my wandering boy
Far, far, away wherever he may be
Tell him his mother with faded cheeks and hair
At the old homestead is waiting him there.

Out in the hall-way there stands a vacant chair
There are the shoes my darling used to wear.
Give me the cradle, the one he loved so well
Just how he's missed, there's no one can tell. --Chorus:

Oh I'd like to see him and fold him to my breast,
Then I'd close my eyes and sweetly be at rest,
There is no other that's left to give me joy
Bring back to me, my wandering boy. --Chorus:

Well I remember the parting words he said
We'll meet again where tears are never shed.
There'll be no good bys in that bright land so fair
When done with life I'll meet you up there. --Chorus:

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(The last one caught is it and so on.)

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File 4WHEN I WAS A LADY IN PANTOMIME

When I was a little girl, a little girl, a little girl.

When I was a little girl, it was this way and that way

It was this way and that way, it was this way and that,

When I was a little girl. It was this way and that.

When I was a lady, a lady, a lady

When I was a lady, it was this way and that way.

It was this way and that way, it was this way and that.

When I was a lady, it was this way and that.

When I was a grandma, a grandma, a grandma.

When I was a grandma, it was this way and that way,

It was this way and that way, It was this way and that

When I was a grandma, it was this way and that.

NEW ORLEANS

Choose up two sides, mark off bases and each group o' players take a base. They make up in secret what they shall mimic. They take it turn about marching up in front of the other base and acting out the pantomime while the other side guesses what it is.

The side at home says, "Where air ye from?" The answer is, "New Orleans", They ax, "What's yo' trade?" The answer is either, "Lemonade" or "Butter and Egg."

They all chime in, "Get busy!"

The pantomime is acted and re-acted until the side at home guesses it. Then the visiting side run for home base. Any member caught before he arrives home becomes a player on the opposite side.

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"Now that 'em shore is good but hit allus makes pore ole Ma cry. Seems like she wants ter keep a hearin' hit though."

"Well, us drive on. They're a fixin' ter play a lot o' jigs I believe."

"Hey", says a by-stander, "What about playin' one o' the oldest pieces ye know? An Ole piece, that's played say 50 year ago in the Frolics?" Pharmer Howell speaks up, "Will Ole Joe Clark do?" My Daddy used ter play hit on his fiddle." "Yes, let her go," is the answer.

OLE JOE CLARKE

Now I got no money
I got no place ter stay
Got no place ter lay me head
And the chickens a crowin' fer day.

Chorus:

Fare-ye-well, Ole Joe Clarke
Fare-ye-well, I say
Fare-ye-well, Old Joe Clarke
I'm a goin' away to stay.

I wish I had a nickel
I wish I had a dime
I wish I had a pretty little gal
To kiss and call 'er mine. --Chorus

I went down the Nie-cut road
And she went down the lane
I jumped over the foxberry bush
And scared little Liza Jane. --Chorus

Joe Clark's wife took around the house

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I took around ter find 'er

She stooped over ter buckle 'er shoe

And I passed on from behind 'er. --Chorus:

When I last saw Liza Jane

She's a standin' in the door

Shoes and stockin's in 'er hand

And 'er feet all over the floor.--Chorus:

"Well boys, we'll see ye again, we want to hear a lot more o' them ole timers. Sheriff M. T. Stumbo said, he'd give you a quarger to play and sing "The Round County Feud," No, we played it once today and we are tired. Its too long. Choose something shorter. Dan says, "I wouldn't sing the Rowan County Feud again terday fer half a dollar." Well, don't get drunk ter night boys Ep Lafferty is a watchin' ye. (Mr. Lafferty is a Prestonsburg Policeman)

CHILDRENS SONGS AND GAMES

THE FARMER IN THE DELL

The farmer in the Dell

The farmer in the Dell

Heigh oh, my Derry oh,

The farmer in the Dell.

(The children are lined up in a circle a boy
in the center.)

The farmer takes a wife

The farmer takes a wife

Heigh oh, my Derry oh,

The farmer takes a wife.

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The wife takes a child
The wife takes a child
Heigh oh, my Derry oh,
The wife takes a child.

The child takes a nurse
The child takes a nurse
Heigh oh, My Derry oh,
The child takes a nurse.

The nurse takes a dog
The nurse takes a dog.
Heigh oh, my Derry oh,
The nurse takes a dog.

The dog takes a bone
The dog takes a bone
Heigh oh, my Derry oh,
The dog takes a bone.

The bone stands alone
The bone stands alone,
Heigh oh, My Derry ho,
The bone stands alone.

(The bone, a boy, becomes the next farmer and they
continue to sing, The Farmer in The Dell.)

"Blind Fold-- One fellow is blinded to be it. He's told,
"Your mama wants ye." He asks, "What fer?" answer, "To stir the
mush." He asks, "Where's the spoon?" The answer, "All over the
room." He tries to catch the players. If he is about to bump
the wall or someother object in the room someone hoolloos, "Blue Button"

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RUTH AND JACOB

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Players stand in a circle holding hands. A girl plays Ruth and a boy plays Jacob. Jacob is blindfolded. He catches Ruth. Then Ruth is blindfolded choosing a boy to play Jacob, she catches him, etc.

LAUGHING

"It isn't any trouble just to S-m-i-l-e
It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e
If ye smile when ye're in trouble
It will vanish like a bubble
If ye always take the trouble
Just to s-m-i-l-e.

Second verse sing it--L-A-U-G-H.

Third verse sing it--G-R-I-N-grin.

Fourth verse sing it--Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha,

AT BANQUETS

(How D'ye Do)

How d'ye do Mister Murphey?

How d'ye do?

Is there anything that we can do for you?

We'll do it if we can,

Stand by you like a man

How d'ye do, Mr. Murphey?

How d'ye do?

(Substitute any name)

LOVE SONGS:

THE PRISONER SONG

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Oh, I wish I had someone to love me,
Some one for to call me their own
Oh, I wish I had someone to love me
For I'm tired of living alone.

Oh, Please meet me tonight in the moonlight
Oh, please meet me tonight all alone
For I have a sad story to tell you
It's a story that's never been told.

I have a grand ship on the ocean
All mounted with silver and gold
And before my poor darling should suffer
That grand ship would be anchored and sold.

I'll be carried to that new jail tomorrow
Leaving my poor darling alone
Then with cold prison walls all around me,
And my head on a pillow of stone.

Oh, If I had wings like an angel
Over these prison walls I would fly
I would fly to the arms of my poor darling

And there I'd be willing to die.

(As sung by Theodore Porter, Mountaineer
Misician of Floyd County, Kentucky.)

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CHORUS:

I'm leavin' on that New River Train

I'm leavin' on that New River Train

It's the same ole train that run years ago,

I'm leavin' on that New River Train.

"Oh, my darlin' ye caint love but one

Oh, my darlin' ye caint love but one,

Ye caint love but one and have any fun,

Oh, my darlin' ye caint love but one.

2. Ye caon't love two an' yo' little heart keep true.

3. Ye cain't love three and still love me.

4. Ye cain't love four and love me any more.

5. Ye cain't love five and get honey from my beehive.

6. Ye caon't love six fer that kind o' love won't mix.

7. Ye cain't love seven and still get ter heaven.

8. Ye cain't love eight and then go straight.

9. Ye cain't love nine and still be mine.

CHORUS: --As sung by Mr. Theodore Porter, Mountaineer Fiddler.

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR SOUL?

Mother's afar from a Savior today.

Risk not your soul for the things that she gave.

Oh, if today God calls you away,

What would you give in exchange for your soul?

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CHORUS:

What would you give?
What would you give?
What would you give in exchange for your soul?
Oh, if today God calls you away,
What would you give in exchange for your soul?

Mercy is calling you. Won't you give heed?
What the Dear Savior still tenderly pleads.
Risk not your soul in pleasures too deep.
What would you give in exchange for your soul?

CHORUS:

More than the silver and gold of this earth,
More than all jewels, up there it is worth.
God, the Creator has given you birth.
What would you give in exchange for your soul?

(As played and sung by Mr. Bill Sherman,
Mountaineer musician of Dewey, Ky.)

&THE GAMBLING MAN

Wasn't that a pity
And its awful sad,
The mother of that gambling man
Lost all the son she had.

CHORUS:

I wonder where is the gambling man
I wonder where he is gone
I wonder where is the gambling man
I wonder where the poor man's gone.

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The poor man gambled all night long
Until the break of day
He rose up from the table
And threw his cards away.

He said to some of his friends
Come and take me home
For I am sick and feeling bad
And can't go home alone.

His friends begin to carry him
Slow, he said stop and let me rest
The pains are darting through my body
I cain't hardly get my breath.

He said to his friends once more
Come let us walk again
The pains are darting through my body
So get me home as soon as you can.

His friends carried him home
And layed him on the bed
He called for some cold water
And a cloth to bind his head.

His mother sat at his bedside
Begin to grieve and cry
My son has been gambler all his life
Now I believe he is going to die.

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He called his mother about twelve o'clock

Said, Mother what time a day.

The gambling train is coming

To carry my soul away.

Come mother let me say

And you to gambler tell

To have all his sins wash away

Or be sent to a gambler hell.

Or mother take these saying of mine

And place them in a gambler hall

So every gambler can read it in time

And be ready for the judgment call.

And mother before I go

I have a little more to tell

A few words and I'll say no more

I will be shut up in a gamblers hell.

(As sung by Mrs. Martha Poe, Prestonsburg, Kentucky).

WILL THEY MISS ME WHEN I'M GONE?

Why do they drive their mother

Out in the freezing cold

And her so old and helpless

So feeble gray and old

What wrong could she have done them

They could serve her so

To drive her from their dwelling

To wander through the snow.

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CHORUS: Will they miss me when I'm gone *Box 2 File 4*
Will they miss me when I'm gone
Will my dear children miss me when I'm gone
My heart is filled with sadness
My life is dear with pain
This morning I must leave them
To never return again.

My son when he got married
I went with him to stay
And there I wasn't well treated
For I was in their way.
I tried to do their bidding
So hard it was to do
But harder still this morning
When I was told to go.

I made so many trials
I labored night and day
To raise and bring my children
Up in a better way.
And now so old I'm growing
They do not need me more
Because I cannot labor
They drove me from their door.

Oh what is that before me.
My dim eyes fail to see.
It's sure a light from Heaven
That brightly shines on me.
Thank God at last I'm going

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The life boat's on the shore
Farewell, farewell, dear children
I'm coming back no more.

---Sung by Sarahann Collins,
Prestonsburg, Ky.

HYMN

How lost was my condition,
Till Jesus made me whole;
There is but one physician,
Can cure a sin-sick soul.
Next door to death, He found me,
And snatched me from the grave,
To tell to all around me,
His wondrous power to save.

The worst of all diseases,
Is light compared with sin;
On every part it seizes,
But rages most within,
'Tis palsy, plague, and fever,
And madness, all combined,
And none but a believer,
The least relief can find.

From men great skill professing,
I thought a cure to gain--
But this proved more distressing,
And added to my pain.
Some said that nothing ailed me--
Some gave me up for lost--
Thus every refuge failed me,
And all my hopes were crossed.

At length, this great physician--
Now matchless is His grace--
Accepted my petition,
And undertook my case;
First gave me sight to view him,
For sin my eyes had sealed--
Then bade me look upon Him--
I looked, and I was healed.

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A dying, risen Jesus--
Seen by an eye of faith--
At once from danger fees us,
And saves the soul from death;
Come then, to this physician,
His help he'll freely give--
He makes no hard condition,
"Tis only look, and live!

----Old Sweet Songster as lined and sung by Rev.
Dan Collins, Regular Baptist, Prestonsburg, Ky.

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Mr. Dan Stephens, Auxier, and Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mr. S. is a blind man 40 years of age. He makes his living with his banjo. He will be found in town on Court Day and at any large gatherings and galia occasions. Consulted 11/25/36.

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SPORTS:

Songs: (Continued)

Sacred Songs (Old time popular hymns and present
Day popular hymns)

Jigs

Dance Pieces

Ballads

The Married Man

Moonshiner (Whiskey Bill)

I'll Never Get Drunk Any More

WORDS as sung in the mountains of Kentucky

(The following is an old popular hymn sung at funerals
in the mountains):

My head and stay is called away,
And I am left alone;
My husband dear, who was so near,
Is fled away and gone.

It breaks my heart, 'tis hard to part
With one who was so kind:
Where shall I go to vent my smart,
Or ease my troubled mind?

In wisdom's ways we spent our days,
Much comfort we did find:
But he is gone, in dust he lays,
And I am left behind,

Naught can I find, to ease my mind,
In things which are below,
For earthly toys, but vex my joys,
And aggravate my woe.

But I'll repair to Jesus, where
I'll ease my troubled breast,
To Christ above, who is my love,
And my eternal rest.

And O! that he would send for me
And call my spirit home,
To world of rest among the blest,
Where troubles never come.

DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

Is it wrong to wish to meet them
Who were dear to us in life?
Shall we check the rising sadness
Since they're freed from toil and strife.

I've a mother up in heaven,
And, oh, tell me, if you will,
Will my mother know her children
Will she recollect them still?

Does she watch me from those windows,
While I'm on this distant shore?
Will she know when I am going?
Will she meet me at the door?

I've a father, too, in glory,
And, oh, tell me, if you know
Will my father know his children
When we meet on Canaan's shore?

In that land are saintly children
Who are happy now and free;
Shall we ever reach those mansions
And those darling ones to see?

--From "Old Times of Refreshing" Song Book

I FEEL LIKE GOING ON

I have started for the kingdom,
I am on my journey home;
I shall reach the "better country,"
And I feel like going on.

Chorus:

Yes, I feel like going on,
Oh, I feel like going on;
I am on my way to Zion,
And I feel like going on.

And my Saviour's going with me,
Every day I feel him near;
With his presence here he cheers me,
And he quells each rising fear.

I am in the land of Beulah,
And its breezes fan my soul;
I am nearing Canaan's border,
And I soon shall reach the goal.

I am dwelling on the mountains,
And in sight of Canaan stand;
I am drinking of the fountains,
Flowing through this goodly land.

THE BROOMFIELD HILL

I'll lay you five hundred pounds,
Five hundred pounds to, ten,
That a maid can't go to the green-broomfield
And come back a maid again.

Then up spoke a sweet young girl,
Her age was not sixteen:
A maid I'll go to the green-broomfield,
And a maid I'll come back again.

And when she went to the green-broomfield,
Where her lover was sound asleep,
With a gay goshork (goshawk) and a green laurel twig,
And a green broom under his feet,

She pulled a bunch of the green-broom
And smelled of it so sweet;
She scattered a handful over his head,
And another around his feet.

And when she had done what she wagered to do,
She turned herself about,
She hid herself behind a clump of green-broom
To hear what her lover should say.

And when he awoke from out his sleep
A fearsome man was he;
He looked to the east and he looked to the west.
And he wept for his sweetheart to see.

"And where were you, my gay goshork
(That I once loved so dear),
That you wakened me not out of my sleep
When my sweetheart was so near?

"If my hork (goshawk) had wakened me while I slept,
Of her I would have had my will,
Or the buzzards that fly high over the sky
Of her flesh should have had their fill.

"Come saddle me my milk-white steed,
Come saddle me my brown;
Come saddle me the speediest horse
That ever rode through town."

"You need not saddle your milk-white steed,
You need not saddle your brown,
For a doe never ran through the street so fast
As the maid ran through the town."

(Words from Collections by, Josiah H. Combs
A Professor of Modern Languages U. of Oklahoma.

FLOYD COUNTY
KENTUCKY
FOLKWAYS AND FOLKLORE

JOHN I. STURGILL

GAMBLIN' BOB
(In the Jail House now)

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I had a friend named gamblin' Bob
He used to steal, gamble and rob
He thought he was the smartest guy in town
Bob got hooked up Sunday
They got him in the jail house away down town.

Chorus: He's in the jail house now
He's in the jail house now,
I told him once or twice,
To quit playing cards and shooting dice,
He's in the jail house now.

He played a game called Poker,
Penuckle with the joker
But shootin' dice was his greatest game,
Now he's down in jail
No one to go his bail,
The judge done said he refused the fine.

I went out last Tuesday,
Met a girl named Susie,
I told her I was the swellest guy in town
She started to spend my money,
She started to call me honey,
We visited every cabaret in town.

We're in the Jail house now
We're in the jail house now,
I told the judge right to his face
That I didn't care to see this place,
We're in the jail house now.

REVELILLE

I can't get 'em up,
I can't get 'em up in the morning,
I can't get 'em up I can't get 'em up,
I can't get 'em up at all,
Corporals worse than privates,
Sargents worse than Corporals
Lieutenants worse than Sargents,
And the Captain worst of all.

(Revelille at a U. C. C. Camp in the Kentucky
Mountains) ----- From a camp musician.

I'LL NEVER GET DRUNK ANYMORE

Once I had a fortune all locked and in trunk
I lost it all a gambling
One night when I was drunk.

Chorus:

I'll never get drunk any more
I'll never get drunk any more
I'll lay with my head in a bar-room door
And I'll never get drunk anymore.

Some folk say love is a pleasure
No pleasure do I see,
For the only girl that I ever did love
She turned her back on me.

Chorus: (Same as above)

Once I had a good old sister,
She gave me good advice,
She told me to quit my gambling ways.
And marry a loving wife.

Chorus: (Same as above)

-----Words as sung by Orville Sturgill, Mt. Musician
Dewey, Kentucky.

(It is a very common thing for the boys to swear off,
but they always get drunk again. When one says he has
quit drinking, that means that he has started tunneling.
You can hear the women say that he will never quit
drinking until his throat grows together.)

One old man was known to eat his whiskey with bread.

? | The musician delights in flirting with his audience
so he has many jokes and does many comical things.

JOHN HENRYBox 2
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When John Henry was a little babe,
A-holding to his mama's hand,
Says, "If I live till I'm twenty-one,
I'm going to make a steel-driving man, my babe,
I'm going to make a steel-driving man".

When Johnny was a little boy,
A-sitting on his father's knee,
Says, "The Big Bend tunnel on the C. and O. Road
Is going to be the death of me", my babe.

John, he made a steel-driving man.
They took him to the tunnel to drive;
He drove so hard he broke his heart,
He laid down his hammer and he died, my babe.

O now John Henry is a steel-driving man,
He belongs to the steel-driving crew;
And every time his hammer comes down,
You can see that steel welking through, my babe.

The steam-drill standing on the right-hand side,
John Henry standing on the left;
He says, "I'll beat that steam-drill down,
Or I'll die with my hammer in my breast", my babe.

He placed his drill on the top of the rock,
The steam drill standing close at hand;
He beat it down one inch and a half,
And laid down his hammer like a man, my babe.

Johnny looked up to his boss-man and said
"Oh boss-man, how can it be!
For the rock is so hard, and the steel is so tough,
I can feel my muscles giving way," my babe.

Johnny looked down to his turner and said
"O turner, how can it be;
The rock is so hard, and the steel is so tough,
That everybody's turning after me", my babe.

They took poor Johnny on the steep hillside,
He looked to his heavens above;
He says, "Take my hammer and wrap it in gold
And give it to the girl that I love", my babe.

They took his hammer and wrapped it in gold,
And gave it to Julia Ann;
And the last words Johnny said to her
Was, "Julia, do the best you can", my babe.

If I die a railroad man,
Go bury me under the tie,
So I can hear old number four
As she goes rolling by, my babe.

JOHN HENRY (Continued)

If I die a railroad man,
Go bury me under the sand,
With a pick and shovel at my head and feet,
And a nine-pound hammer in my hand, my babe.
(John Henry drove steel on the building of
the Big Sandy C.&O. R.R.--Jack Music of Aurier,
Kentucky knew him personally) ?

THE BLACK MUSTACHE

It's O once I had a charming beau,
I loved him dear as life;
I longed and longed some future day
To be his charming wife.

His pockets they were filled with gold,
And he could cut a dash,
With a diamond ring and a watch and chain,
And a darling, black mustache.

He come to see me last Sunday night,
And stayed till almost three;
He said he never loved a girl
As well as he loved me.

He said we'd live in grandest style,
For he had lots of cash;
And then he pressed upon my lips
That darling, black mustache.

And then there came a sour old maid,
She's worth her weight in gold;
She had false teeth, and wore false hair,
She's forty-five years old.

So cruel he deserted me
For this old maid and her cash;
And now I know I've lost my beau
With a darling, black mustache.

Then take my advice, ye thoughtless girl.
And do not be too rash;
But leave alone those stylish chaps
That wear the black mustache.

(--From Joshiah H. Combs' Collection.

LULA VIRES: (Continued)

They met her at the depot,
And led her to the door,
But when she saw the pretty corpse
She fell in, fainting to the floor,

DEATH OF HENRY RUST

No more to stand on Ivy's rugged brow,
Or to feel the deadly wounds of the foe,
My body being pierced with seven bleeding wounds,
With sinking I fell to the ground.

Chorus: Sleeping alone in the tomb
No more to see the battles array
No more for to stand on Ivy Mountain
Or to deal the blow to the foe.

At my last dying moments
One favor I ask,
A ring from my finger to bear
To the lady that I love.
That she may remember me
While I sleep alone out here.

I hope to meet her in a better place.
Where there'll be no more enemies,
Or whistling balls to face.
To sit down in the Kingdom
And be at home, and be at home.

Chorus (same) As Uncle Jeff" Sizemore, I. J.,
remembers it. Address: Prestonsburg, Kentucky

SAMIE ADAMS

In the state of old Kentucky,
One cold December Night:
A horrible crime was committed
And later brought to light.

A man was cruelly murdered
Samie Adams was his name;
His body cut to pieces
They accused Joe Schuster's gang.

They cut and maimed his body
Most frightful to behold.
And hid him on the river bank
Down in the sand so cold.

SAMIE ADAMS (Continued)

He left his home one morning,
Employment to seek,
He told his loving family
He'd just be gone a week.

He went down to Auxier,
One week he went to stay;
But little did he think
It was his fatal day.

That night while he was in his room,
Lying on the bed
They crept into his room
And knocked him in the head.

His friends soon got uneasy,
Began to search in vain,
From Jack's Creek down to Auxier
But nothing did they gain.

At last the Lord with power,
Showed what he could do;
He sent a whirling flood
And washed him into view.

Joe Schuster was arrested,
Also his foreigner band,
For killing Samie Adams,
And burying him in the sand.

They placed them in the county jail,
There to remain a while
In the hands of law and justice,
They all must stand their trial.

Their faces all grew pale,
When the jury did file in,
And the forman read the verdict.,
A life in the Frankfort pen.

Grover Brazure, Cliff, Ky.

"LORD THOMAS AND FAIR ELLENDER"

"Oh mother, O mother, come riddle my sport,
Come riddle it all as one,
Must I go marry Fair Ellender,
Or bring the Brown Girl home."

"The Brown Girl she has houser and lands,
Fair Ellender she has none;
I charge you on my blessing, Lord Thomas,
Go bring the Brown Girl home."

MOONSHINE

Come all you booze fighters if you want to hear
About the kind of booze that sell around here
Made away back in the swamps and hills where
There's plenty of moonshine stills.

Where they don't give a dog for the boss headed law
After the prohibition they don't care a straw
Made out of a kind of potash and corn
And was bottled up in some barn.

One drop will make a rabbit whip a bull-dog,
And a taste will make a rat whip a wild hog.
Make a mouse bite off a tomcats tail,
Make a tadpole raise a fuss with a whale.

It'll make a fish bite off an elephants snout,
It'll make a poodle dog put a tiger to rout,
It'll make a toad spit in a black snake's face,
Make a hard shell preacher fall from grace.

Just take another bit and get ready to have a fit
For the first thing you know you are awful tight
And out on the street trying to raise a fight.

A lamb will lay down with a lion
After drinking that old moonshine
Then throw back your head and take a little drink
And for a week you wont be able to think.

When you began to feel awful sick
And feel worse then the very old nick
You say that you never will drink it any more
But you have said that a hundred times before.

The moonshiners are getting mighty slick
And the bootleggers are getting mighty thick
If they keep on, badges they will have to ware
To keep from selling each other, I'll declare.

SCURWOOD MOUNTAIN

I've gotta gal in the Sourwood Mountain
Hi-de-o--de Iddle dum-a-day,
She won't come and I won't call her
Hi-de-o-de Iddle dum-a-day
She won't come and I won't call her
Hi-de-o-de Id-dele-dum-a-day.

Chickens a crowin' in the Sourwood Mountain
Hi-de-o-de Iddle dum-a-day,
So many pretty girls that I can't count 'em
He-de-o-de Iddle dum-a-day,
So many pretty girls that I can't count 'em
He-de-l-de Iddle dum-a-day.

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SOURWOOD MOUNTAIN (Continued)

Old man, old man, I want your daughter
Hi-de-o-de Idle dum-a-day
To bake my bread and carry me water
Hi-de-o-de Idle dum-a-day
To bake my bread and carry me water
He-de-o-de Id-dle dum-a-day.

CHAWIN, CHAWIN, GUM

Mama sent me to the spring
She told me not to stay.
And I fell in love with a pretty little girl
And I couldn't get away.

Chorus:

Chawin' ^{ha}chawin' gum, ^{ha}chawin' ^{ha}chawin' gum;
Chawin, ^{ha}chawin' gum, Chawin' chawin' gum.

Mama don't want me to whistle
Papa don't want me to sing,
And they don't want me to marry
But I'll marry just the same. (Chorus)

Took my girl to church last night
What do you reckon she done,
She stood right up in the preachers face
And chaw'd her chawin' gum. (Chorus)

SHORTENING BREAD

Prelude--(played on fiddle and banjo.)

Chorus: I'm a goin' up to get a little shortening shortenin'
Goin' up to get a little shortenin' bread

It's shortenin' bread, shortenin' bread
Yes my baby likes shortenin' bread.

Interlude---Then Chorus.

Now I am glad the old sow is dead
Get more shortenin' in my bread

Interlude--Then Chorus--

Hoec ke bread and it baked thin
Is what it a takes to make the baby grin.

Interlude---Then Chorus--

Shortenin' shortenin' yes my baby
Likes shortenin' bread.

MOONSHINER

I've been a moonshiner
For eighteen long year';
I've spent all my money
For whisky and beer;
I buy my own whisky,
I make my own stew,
If I get drunk, madam
It's nothing to you.

I'll get up on some mountain,
I'll put up my still;
I'll sell you one quart, boys
For a one dollo (dollar) bill;
I'll get up on some mountain,
The mountain so high,
As the wild geese fly over
I'll bid them good-bye.

Pretty Betsy, pretty Betsy,
Would you think it unkind
For me to sit down by you
And tell you my mind?
My mind is to marry,
And never to part,
For the first time I saw you,
You wounded my heart.

Oftimes I have wondered
How women love men;
Then again I have wondered
How men could love them;
They'll cause your heart trouble
And a many downfall,
They'll cause you to labor
In many a stone wall.

The blue birds are flying,
A-chirping and singing
Their sorrows away;
The breath smells so sweetly,
Like the dew on the vine----
God bless those moonshiners,
I wish they were mine!

Words from Col. of Joshiah R. Combs
(An old time popular Moonshine song.)---
Commonly known as "Whiskey or Whisker
Bill")
Note----The price is now two dollars
instead of one as given by the song.

THE ROVING GAMBLER

I am a roving gambler,
I've rambled down in town,
Wherever I meet with a deck O' cards,
I lay my money down.

I've gambled down in Washington,
I've gambled down in Spain,
I'm a goin' down in Georgia
To gamble my last game.

I had not been in Washington,
Many more weeks than three
Till I fell in love with a pretty little girl,
She fell in love with me.

She took me ^{in?} into her parlor,
She cooled me with her fan,
Then she whispered low in her mother's ear,
"I love that gambling man."

"Oh, daughter, Oh, dear daughter,
What makes you treat me so,
To leave you dear old mother
And with a gambler go? "

"Oh, Mother, Oh, dear mother,
You know I love you well,
But the love I have for that gambling man.
No human tongue can tell. "

THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN BLUES

When I was young and in my prime,
I left my home in Caroline,
Now all I do is sit and pine,
For all those folk I left behind.

Chorus: I've got the Blue Ridge Mountain blues,
And I'll stand right here and say,
That my trunks are packed to travel
And I'll soon be scratchin' gravel
On the Blue Ridge far away.

I see two heads of snowy white,
I see a window with a light,
I seem to hear them both recite,
"Oh, where's my wandering boy tonight."

(Chorus:)

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I've got the Blue Ridge Mountain Blues,
And I'll stand right here to say,
That I am going to wander to the folk down yonder,
On the Blue Ridge far away.

I know the day that I return,
There'll be celebrating in the farm
Folk for miles around will come
There'll be a shin-dig in the barn.

Chorus:

I've got the Blue Ridge Mountain Blues,
I can hear those hound dogs say,
Every day I'm countin' till I climb the Mountain,
On the Blue Ridge far away.

I'm goin' to do right by my pa,
I'm goin' to do right by my ma,
Hang around the cabin door,
No work nor worry any more.

Chorus:

I've got the Blue Ridge Mountain Blues,
I want to see my old dog Tray,
Then we'll hunt the possum
Where the corn tops blossom,
On the Blue Ridge far away.

"A number of folk by the name of Brewer moved in ter Floyd County from North Carolinian. On meetin' any o' them folk the conversation started jist like this:

"Howdy, Mr. Say your name's Brewer?"

"Yes."

"Where air ye from?"

"North Carolina, Sumken County, Tar River---Gimme a chaw ter baccar, mistah."

And I say they all use baccar even the children. They use it every way 'cept to rub it on. And I heard say they done that sometimes. They rub snuff, and they sniffed it up their nose and they rubbed it on the children for the colic, and the croup and all manner of ailments. Ter baccar was shore their favorite pisin.

"The young men smoke cigars, the young women cigarette and the old wome smoke pipe, and all the old men chaw. And I'll declare every-time you meet one, its "Howdy, Mistah, Give me a chaw of ter baccar,"

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WHEN THE ROSES BLOOM AGAIN (Continued)

Do not ask me love to linger,
For you know not what you say,
For duty calls your sweetheart's name in vain,
Now my darling don't be sighing,
If I be among the dying,
I'll be with you when the roses bloom again.

Chorus:

When the roses bloom again by the river,
And the robin red breast sings his sweet refrain,
In the day of old Ang Sayne
I'll be with you sweetheart mine,
I'll be with you when the roses bloom again.

Mid the rattle of the battle,
Came a whisper soft and low,
From a soldier who had fallen in the fray.
"I'm dying Captain, dying,
And I know I'll have to go,
And I want you to promise 'ere I pass away.

There is a far and distant river,
Where the roses are in bloom,
There is a maiden who is waiting there for me,
It is there I pray you take me,
I've been faithful, don't forsake me,
I'll be with you when the roses bloom again.

Chorus:

FOND AFFECTIONS

I once did love with fond affection,
My thoughts, they were all of you.
Until that dark eyed girl persuaded
And now you care no more for me.

Chorus:

Go away and leave me if you wish to.
And from this lonely world I'll flee,
For in your heart you love some other,
And in my grave I'd rather be.

A many a day with you I've wandered
A many a happy hour I've spent
I thought I'd gained your heart forever,
But now I find it was all lent.

Chorus: (Same as above)

A many a night as you lie sleeping
Dreaming of your parting sports
And no girl all broken hearted
Listening to the soft wind blow.

(Chorus:)

FOLD ADVERTISEMENTS (Continued)

There are only three things that I wish for
That is my coffin, shroud and grave
And then I am dead Don't weep o'er me,
Or kiss those lips you once betrayed.

(Chorus: same as above)
(This is a very old love song as sung by a mountaineer
musician,-----Orville Sturgill, Dewey, Kentucky)

GIVE MY LOVE TO NELL

Three years had passed since Jack and Joe,
Set sail across the foam,
Each vowed a fortune he would gain,
Before returning home.
In one short year Jack gained his wealth,
And started home that day
And when the pals shook hands to part
Poor Joe could only say.

Chorus: Give my love to Nellie, Jack,
And kiss her once for me,
The sweetest girl in all the world,
I'm sure you'll say is she.
Treat her kindly, Jack old pal,
And tell her I am well
His parting words were don't forget
To give my love to Nell.

Three years had passed when Joe at last,
Gained wealth enough for life,
He started home across the foam
To make sweet Nell his wife.
But when he learned that Jack and Nell
One year ago had wed.
With sobs and threats he now regrets
That he had ever said.

Chorus:(same as above)
They chanced to meet upon the street
Joe said you selfish elf
The very next girl I learn to love
I'll kiss her for myself
But all is fair in love they say
As you have gone and wed
I'll not be angry with you pal
So once again he said:

Chorus: (Same)

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One in a rock
And two in a log,
One for me
And two for my dog, groundhog.

Run here, Sal,
With a ten-foot pole,
Twist this ground-hog
Ov'ten this hole, groundhog.

I took 'em to the house
And put 'em on the bile,
I believe to my soul,
You could smell him a mile, groundhog.

Here comes Sal,
With a chuckle and a grin,
Groundhog grease,
All over her chin, groundhog, (Author Unknown)
(this is a kind of Jig sung to the tune of the first)

THE SONG THE OLD COW DIED IN

There was a man,
And he had an old cow,
And he had no fodder for to give her,
So he took down his fiddle
And then he played, "Consider"
Consider, good cow, consider.

That old cow,
Was a good old cow,
But she sucked herself and milk did not deliver.
Yet he took down his fiddle and played "consider,
Consider, good cow, consider."

The old wife cried
Then the old cow died,
Because they had no feed to give her,
So he took up his fiddle,
And cried, "Consider,
Consider, good wife, consider"

THE OLD SONG

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There was once an Indian maiden,
A very little maiden,
The sang a lay, a lay-say, say,
While on the plains
She whiled away the day.

(Red Wing Continued)

She loved a warrior bold,
In the story we are told,
How brave and gay,
He rode one day,
To the battle far-a-way.

Chorus:

Oh, the moon shines tonight on pretty Red Wing,
All the breezes sighing,
All the night birds crying,
Oh, the moon shines tonight on pretty Red Wing,
While Red Wing is weeping,
Her heart away.

She watched for him day and night,
She kept all the campfires bright,
While far, far away,
Her warrior gay
Had fallen in the fray.

Chorus:

And when all the braves returned,
The heart of Red Wing yearned,
When she heard them say,
Her warrior gay,
Had fallen in the fray.

Chorus:

THE PRETTY HOME

As I was out walking
For pleasure one day,
Tho should I spy near me,
But a lass of Mohe

She sat down beside me,
And taking my hand,
Says, "I know you are a stranger,
And in a strange land.

And if you will follow,
You're welcome to come,
And dwell in the cottage,
That I call my home."

The sun was fast sinking,
Far O'er the blue sea,
As I stroll along with,
The pretty Mohe.

THE PRETTY MOHE (Continued)

Together we did wander,
Together did roam,
Till we came to the cottage
That she called her home,

"Now if you'll consent, sir,
And stay here with me,
I'll teach you the language,
Of the Mohe."

"Oh, no, my dear maiden,
This all cannot be,
For I have a true Love
In my own countree.
It was early one morning,
A morning in May,
And to the fair maiden,
These words I did say,

"I'm going to leave you,
So farewell my dear,
My ship's sails are spreading,
For my home I must steer."

The last time I saw her,
She stood on the strand,
And as my boat passed her,
She waved me her hand.

Saying, "When you have landed,
On your own native shore,
Just think of the Mohe
Where the cocoa nuts grow,"

I turned my course backward,
From this land did flee
To spend all my days with
The Pretty Mohe.

WHEN THE ROSES BLOOM AGAIN

They were strolling in the gloaming,
When the roses were in bloom,
Just a soldier and his sweetheart fond and true
And their hearts were filled with sorrow,
As their thought so of tomorrow,
And she pinned a rose upon his coat of blue.

THE LITTLE ROSEWOOD CASKET

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There's a little rosewood casket,
Sitting on a marble stand,
There's a package of love letters
Written by a sweethearts hand,
Go and bring them to me brother,
Come and sit upon my bed,
Lay your head upon my pillow,
Till my aching heart goes dead,
Read them gentley to me brother,
Read them till I fall asleep
Fall asleep to wake in Heaven,
Oh, dear brother do not weep.

Sunday I saw him walking,
With a lady by his side,
And I thought I heard him tell her,
She could never be his bride,
When I'm dead and in my casket,
And my friends are gathered round,
When my narrow grave is ready,
In some lonesome churchyard ground,
There's a little rosewood casket
Sitting on a marble stand
There's a package of love letters
Written by my true loves hand,

LAMP LIGHTING TIME IN THE VALLEY

There is a light shining bright in a cabin
In a window its shining for me
And I know that my mother is praying
For the boy she is longing to see.

Chorus:

When its lamp lighting time in the valley,
And in dreams I go back to my home,
I can see that old lamp in the window,
It will guide me wherever I roam.

In the lamp light each night I can see her,
As she rocks in her chair to and for,
She prays that I'll come back and see her,
Still I know that I never can go.

When its lamp lighting time in the valley,
And in dreams I go back to my home,
I have sinned against my home and my loved ones,
And now I must forever roam.

Now she lights up her lamp and sits waiting,
For she knows not the crimes I have done,
So I change all my ways and I'll meet her
Up in Heaven when Life's race is run.

(Chorus)

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Speaker to Audience--Ladies and Gentlemen, I have something extremely interesting to tell you this evening, something that is happening before your very eyes. A very illustrious and notorious individual is now among us, one whom you all know well and would be much pleased to see. Oh, he is looking right at you.

Interested listeners--Who is it?

Speaker--Henry Ford is in the audience

Listener--Who?

Speaker--Henry Ford is sitting in our midst---

Listener--- How do you know?

Speaker--I saw his car outside.

A gentleman sheared his shepherd dog so it would look like a lion. His little boy saw it and came in and told the father there was a lion outside. The father said, "That is just "old shep", now, son you go to your room and pray for God to forgive you for telling that lie. The little boy went but came back rather soon. The father asked, what did he say, son?" The son said, "Father, God said He thought it was a lion when He first saw it."

Robert Harman said he was inventing him a plow which would run before the horse, but the object is the guiding of the plow.

Every community has its practical jokers. One of the best old time jokes was scaring the superstitious person or family with a Dumb Bull.

A two and one half or three foot piece of a hollow black gum log shaved thin and seasoned until it is light in weight, then stretch a piece of raw hide over the end left thick for the purpose, tacking or hooping it securely. When it dries a string is fastened on the inside to the center of the drum head. Some English rosin rubbed on the string and most any kind of noise can be made to come forth, striking terror to the heart of the timid.

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Many of the superstitious mountaineers (years ago) have heard Gabriel's trumpet in the dead hours of the night and developed a temporary case of insomonia. Dumb Bulls are kept very secret as expectant mothers may have been frightened and thus cause the child to be marked.

The stars got to falling one night. Uncle "Elie" Sturgill, a brother to "old fiddlin' Jeff" had all his children out watching. The stars kept falling every little bit and finally Uncle Elie got tired and said, (in his nasal tone) "Now children, do you see that big red star back yonder, that big north star?" You just watch that and if it falls the jig is wiggled, I'M going to bed.

Uncle Commodore Goble lost his old sow one time and couldn't find her no place and she was gone for days and days. Well, he's up in his new ground a looking around one evening when he see a pumpkin shake and it kept a shakin' and he thinks se' I'll just investigate. So what do you reckon he found? Why, that old sow, and I guess she's weighed 300 pounds, was in that pumpkin, an' had a new littar o' pigs, 13 I believe, and had hollowed that pumpkin out all around, pretty nie wasted it all, but he saved what was left of it, and made about 10 gallons of punk'en butter, yes, about ten gallons.

Uncle Pete S. was goin' home drunk one night when he staggered and fell into a big hole in the road where the high waters had washed out. It was about waist deep and he couldn't get out. So there he sat next morning when the boys came by. They said, "Howdy Pete, what are you doing in there?" Pete answered, "Get down and come in," (Pete, still drunk, thought he was at home).

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LANGUAGE

Words:

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Yea, we'ns an' you'ens ha' bin looked at, an' laughed at, an' made fun ov' by furriners an' "brought on" people 'cause of our ole fashion language an' talk. Ye know hits our mother's and father's way o' talkin' an' hit jist comes natural like. Ye bin called country jakes, hayseeds, greenhorns, pumpkin rollers an' sich like fur hit, but I be durned if hit aint the best, commonist ole way o' talkin' they is. Si, we learnt hit fust, an' ye jist can't hardly git out'en hit 'pears like. Ye can send a young'en to the settlement school and have hit learnt better an' hit will come back a talkin' the same ole way or else hits got the big head so bad hit won't no ways nie talk ter ye. They'll shore take on them brought on ways tho' as washin' their teeth and sich.

Verbs:

I seed for I saw; I seen - I saw; I seen - I have seen; Have did - have done; he don't - he doesn't; I aint got none; I haven't any; I's or I wuz - I was.

All words ending in "ing" leave off the "g" as comin' or goin'.

The boys always take their gal home then refer to it as "I taken her home". The folk from down ole Virginney way allus says, "I carried her home", like in the littl' song, "I's goin' Down to Linchburg Town, Carry my Tobaccer Down".

Hain't or aint is used for isn't; fetch or fotch for bring; drowneded for drowned; si for says I or I says; Se for says he or she, he said she said, used by many old folk; yee bin for you have been or we have been; harry for howdy or how or how are you; cipherin' for looking about; figgerin' or figgurin' for thingking about or deciding; lay wayed - to ambush; sot for set; "set up" "sot up"-to sit up at night and spark, court; pack for carry; mought for might; drugs for dregs; prize for pry; I haint about to for I won't; bus for to kiss; ax for ask.

Nouns:

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Gyarbro - Old Scratch or Devil; ambeer for tobacco juice as expectorated; yeth for earth; furriner - anyone not of community; si-goggin for looking a certain way as one cross eyed; one eye sot for bee hunting and tother tord Thackers; banjer shanks for sobriquet to a slim person; bus - a kiss; old woman for any man's wife; old man for any woman's husband; a chicken's crop for a chicken's crow; chicken crow for early morning; beater for anything to beat with; "books" - when school is in session; cluver - clever; kivver - bed covers, quilts; sarvices - service berries; kittle - kettle; hoss - horse; caf - calf; chist - chest; bedstid - bedstead; postes - posts; bob wire - barbed wire; salat - wild greens; rostin' year - roasting ear; ingerns - onions; tomartises - tomatoes; young'en or little'en for child or youth; baby - theyyoungest of the family regardless of size; scueball - ear of corn with a patch of red on it. One finding a scueball, gets to kiss the prettiest girl at the shucking.

Pronouns:

Hit-it; his'en-his; hern-hers; you all-you; you'ens@you (Plural)
we'ans-we; 'em-them; me---I; meself-myself.

Prepositions:

Ben-in; fer-for; firder-further; becaz-because; crost-across;
betwix-between; ferninst-opposite; thar-there; agin-again or against.

Adjectives:

Bic-big; 'stancial-substantial; good, bad, pretty are used
widely--big and little most always used for large or small; yaller-yellow;
mean, ugly-used frequently; learnenst-easy to learn; biddy-little, little
chicken: little biddy, -very small; pore-poor.

Idioms:

Hog killing time-late fall, also means a big time, festivals.
Take water--give up (argument etc.); pline blank the truth-exact truth;
nary 'nother-not anymore; hain't done it-isn't true; seeing red-angry;

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rosy-red with anger; fit to kill-laughing hard; second sight-old persons eyes become clear again; a sight for sore eyes-astonishing, beautiful; one more sight-unusual affair; fling 'em in-put in a pair of sox with purchase of new shoes; you'll get it-to the child, means punishment; cut the blood out'en you-means a switching; dinner is ready-come to dinner; stop and light-inviting the stranger in; jist reach-help ones self at the table; right smart-very much, many; a little piece-a short distance; a whole lot-several; squad dab-on the exact spot; not quite so fer-medium distance; some-many mean small amount or extremely large amount; right there-near by (points out); just barely made it-and-by the skin of your teeth means-a narrow escape.

"A stranger traveling in the south was told upon inquiring how far to a certain city, that if walking it's a right smart piece, if horseback, it's not quite so fer, but if in an auto you're right thar now."

Praise

Clever-smart or generous; sharp-witty; she does good work; he or she never harms anybody; you can't say anything bad about her; She never says aught of anybody (nobody).

Blame:

Smart Alex-one who teases or tries to appear smart or to criticise.

A meddlesome person. A gossip; mind your own business; he handles the truth recklessly.

EXPLETIVES:

Hack, dod burn it, dog gone, shux, drat it, dod rot, land sakes, for the love o' mud, fiddle sticks, dod hep it, confound it, lawsy massa, merciful heavens, just listen, gosh, greacious, my stairs or my stars, gee whiz, awful, golly, dang it, horse blanket, so's your old man, I be die, durn it, I may drop dead, I wish I may never see, I'm a son of a gun, si, se,

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I'll be jiggered, I'll swan, by gum, by george, begorry, be jingoes, by jinks, by golly, by grad, jimmey, crickets, hang it, go hang, I may hang, I be hanged.

Foreign:

Cotch em--to get; you compre'-comprehand; Ise goot-is good, no goot; vamoose-clear' out or leave; no got--him got one goot eye--ise not so, ver hot, nice people, hoose for house, tor for door, die birdie, moine baby; German Poles(Polandars).

Negro:

Spoken in the usual way found in the south--r's are not pronounced--grammar is usually poor.

"Hello dah, Sambo. Is you ma'ied?"

Sambo - "I ain't a sayin' I aint."

"I aint ah askin' ye is ye aint, I's askin' ye is ye is?"

Rev. John Marshall, a white man, was once made pastor of the "Campbellite" Church at Tram, Floyd County, in a negro colony. At one of his meetings Rev. Marshall was introduced to a visiting colored minister. His greetings was "Brudder Ma'shall, I's glad to meet ye." They talked on and finally the colored brudder remarked, "Look a heh Brudder Ma'shall, you'd pass fo' a white man down in ouh count'y." Rev. M. Resigned.

Sayings:

A whistling woman or a crowing hen will always come to some bad end. Laugh and grow fat. Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone. Pretty is as pretty does. Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes to the bone. Many hands make light work.

Many men of many minds
Many birds of many kinds.

"As sure as the vine grows around the stump,
You are my honey sugar lump"---Courtin'

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If I'd known before I'd courted
Love had been such a killing crime
I'd locked my heart with a key of golden
And tied it down with a silver line.

I'll tuen up my fiddle, I'll rosin up my bowe
I'll make myself welcom' wherever I go.

Give me the hook, and give me the line
Give me the girl called Caroline.

PROVERBS:

Every dog has his day. Nothing goes over the devil's back but what comes under his belly. You can't whip the devil around the stump. If you can't talk, shake a bush. Losers weepers, finders keepers. Do the other fellow before he does you. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth (teeth and toenail). The world will grow weaker and wiser. Every tub stands on its own bottom. Paddle your own canoe. It is no worse to tell a lie than to act one. It is better to steal than to starve. Those who do not work should not eat. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

SIMILES:

Work like a dog, or brute. Strong as an ox. Fine as a fiddle. Pretty as a picture. Brave as a lion. Cross as a bear. Crazy as a loon. Hungry as a wolf. As honest as the day is long. Good as gold. Mean as gyarbro (or a snake, the Devil). Ugly as sin. Crooked as a fish hook. Kicks like a mule. Meanest man ever walked the earth. True as steel. Laughed fit to kill.

METAPHORS:

It sure is hot. He is a bear, (a strong man). She is a lady (a gentlewoman). That is a humdinger. The old merchant is a tightwad. The river is a regular sea today (flood). The baby is just a little bundle of love. The mule is a treacherous animal. He is a tyrant. You are a rascal, rogue or cut throat. She is a scarlet woman (sometimes made stronger than this). Brother Jones is a hypocrite. Grandfather is a dear old faker. Bill was a dare devil.

SPORTS:

Dances---Parties or socials in olden times were called frolics. In frolics, dancing games were the favorite. Most any social gathering was an occasion for playing, frolicing. For the frolic there was always present the old-time fiddler and banjo picker. Everyone took his turn dancing--a little whiskey livened things up. No one hid to drink it but took it in moderation and in the presence of anybody. Girls sat on their beaux' laps without blushing. They danced on the puncheon floor in homemade shoes and boots to the tune of Turkey in the Straw, and Sourwood Mountain, The Unfortunate Pup, Old Joe Clark, Kitty Puss, Cripple Creek, and many others.

No regular balls were given in this section. They were given by the more sophisticated folk in the settlements. The same dances and tunes were used in both ball and frolic.

Jigs--Snappy dance tunes accompanied by a fast stepping dance. One or two people dancing perhaps separate steps. Maybe trying to out do each other doing more different steps. There might be any number of people on the floor at the same time. Steps as Two Step, Double Shuffle, Back Step and dozens of other such steps were danced to the Jig. Some parts of this dance is called a Ho-Down. We call Reels, jigs and all, square dance. Some players dance different steps while playing in the reels. Dancing, (playing) the reel is a fine art. The most dignified of the reels are: The old "Fergenny Reel" and the old "Fergenny Quadrille." We are unable at present to give the calls for these. In fact folk are scarce in the county who can give all the calls.

There are many variations and decendants of the Old Virginia Reels. Among these are the Four Handed Reel, Eight Handed Reel, Charley, The Big Eyed Rabbit, Sal' Bird in the Cage, Ham O' meat, Grapevine Swing, and Ocean Wave. These can be played without calling but is lots of fun to have them called. Sometimes the fiddler will call them.

Four Handed Reel---Two couples join hands, partners opposite forming a king of square, one couples' hands cross the others. Gentlemen bow--circle right. Circle left, change partners and swing once around. Change again and swing first partner, circling a figure eight. Each player continues to follow a figure eight on the floor, changing partners each time he crosses in the center of his figure. All players together form a perfect quadrille. Eight handed Reel makes a double quadrille something like two four leafed clovers.

Charley---Partners line up in two rows apposite, girls on one side, boys on the other. Partners at the head of the line take hands and skip down between the rows to the center, swing completely around once, break and skip to opposite ends of the rows. Boy swings the last girl in the row. Girl swings the last boy in the row. Break and again the partners swing in the center--then skip on down to the foot. Then the next couple at the head join hands and skip out until all couples have played a set and first couple again find themselves at the head.

Bird in the Cage, Ham O5 Meat, and Ocean Wave are played similiar. Couples all line up in a circle. Two couples start around in opposite directions taking each couple as they come to them swinging a little reel until they meet. Then skip back to their places. There is a little call for each reel or set.--

Bird in the Cage:

1. Four hands across, Ladies bow, gents, you know how.
2. Bird (a lady), in the cage, Bird fly out and the Crow (Gent) fly in.
3. Lady around the lady and the gent so low.
The lady around the gent and the gent don't go.

A set. Then to next couple.

A caller changes the wording of his calls to avoid monotony making them as funny as possible. This is done without changing their meanings. When one caller exhausts his resources or tires another takes his place.

Mr. Bill Ford of Auxier, Kentucky, Charles Ward, Lancer, Ky. and Mr. Dick Burchett of Ivil, Kentucky are said to be very intelligent, excellent and resource-

ful callers for the old-time square dance.

MUSIC:

Singing games---London Bridge, Needle's Eye. Around The Mulberry Bush, Go in and Out the Window, Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley grow, Skip tum-a-leu.

CHILDREN'S SONGS: Children sing ballads, and popular songs learned at school such as, Three Blind Mice, Scotland's Burning, The Bull Frog, Ole' McDonald Had a Farm, My Bonnie, Comin' Through the Rye, Old Lang Sayne, Should Old Acquaintance be forgot, My Heart is in the Highlands, America, My Old' Kentucky Home, Star Spangled Banner, America The Beautiful, It Isn't Any Trouble just to Smile, etc.--Smile songs, exercise songs, Juanita, Love's Old Sweet Song, The Spanish Cavalier, Dixie (Away Down South in Dixie), Darling Nellie Grey, Reuben and Rachel, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, and popular Radio songs for children.

Popular Old-time songs:

Hymns (Old maids like hymns (hims) best.) Jesus Lover of My Soul, Rock of Ages, My Head and Stay is Called Away, How Firm A Foundation, A Charge to Keep I Have, The Gospel Ship Has Long Been Sailing, Tell Mother I Will Meet Her, You'll Never Miss Your Mother Until She's Gone, I Am On My Way to Zion, The Old Time Religion, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Departed Loved Ones, Nearer My God To Thee, Shall We Gather At The River, O, Happy Day, Will The Circle Be Unbroken.

These songs are found in the most ancient collections. The old Thomas' Hymn Book, Sweet Songster, and oldest editions of the Times Refreshing Song Books. One Edition of this last one gives shaped notes. Most of the older hymn books just give verses, no notes nor music. Some may have a note by the song saying short meter or long meter. The minister lines the song as it is sung since not all folk have books or know all the words. His tone is very impressive. He gives a line or two at a time as,-----"A Charge to Keep I have
And fit it for the sky"--
---singing.

This is continued throughout the song. Folk certainly get happy. The

preacher throws in a word now and then to encourage them. The next thing one knows the women begin to shout. The preacher who can make most women shout is the "big gun".

To the old Primitive or Regular Baptist, any song other than Hymns are "Devil's Ditties". Them as foller singin' Song Ballots are sinning and branded children of the Devil.

The music to these old hymns, That is many of the oldest, and to ballads isn't written. However, Jean Thomas of Ashland, Kentucky has written the music to a collection of ballads which she calls, "Devil's Ditties". This collection is now in print. There is a Folk Song Project in Floyd County at present which is collecting music for these ancient songs. Employees of this project gave a recital June 14, 1936 at the Folk Song Festival at Ashland, Ky., which is sponsored by Miss Thomas. Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James of Prestonsburg, Supervisor of this Project has been giving recitals before different clubs and fraternities in Ky. during the year.

The Dulcimer is a five stringed instrument resembling the Banjo.?(Its head one is similar) and box-shaped. The ballads are sung by the Mountain Maid to the weird strumming of the Dulcimer. It is customary for girls to collect "Song Ballots" and it is the writer's opinion that they compose many of them. This is probably the reason ballads appear the same title with different words.

Dulcimers are scarce at present, the Banjo, fiddle and guitar and piano are most popular. Hymns are practiced by folk at Church School, Choir Practice, and singing school.

In the country will still be found the old-fashioned singing school. Singing masters travel around and make their living this way. Each student pays a subscription or the community makes up a pie social raising the money collectively. Anyway the singing master gets his pay. These masters have various methods, and ways of getting the pitch. They most all use a chart teaching shaped notes.

Columbus Jackson of Beaver Creek, used a Baby Organ (Portable). W. R. "Buddy" Collins of Lancer uses chart and tunning fork. R. H. Smith who recently taught a singing school an Auxier, Kentucky, used the chart only. The writer contacted him directly while in session. His home is at Gifford, Kentucky, in Magoffin, County. He teaches round or shaped notes using only voice to get his pitch. He uses the James D. Vaughn Books, a music publisher of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Mr. Smith's Book for this particular school was "Home Coming Welcom'," A Vaughn Collection, Shaped notes.

These schools are usually taught at night. A number of folk go just to hear the music and have a big time. There is some drinking and once in a long while a little drunken brawl.

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Louisville Times

Aug., 21, 1929

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Some where in the vicinity of Hoveysville this county lies buried a hoard of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in gold. That is what the oldest citizens of that County will tell you and what their Children have been reared to believe .

So implicitly is this believed that almost annually for half a century treasure seekers have gone to Hoveysville to dig for the fortune which "Uncle Jack Neal is believed to have possessed and cherished .

Inspired by dreams in which they claimed to have been told where the treasure lies, guided by divining rods, which they have held would find the treasure for them the lost pot of gold secretly and under cover of darkness, these searchers have patiently explored the grounds about the house in which Mr. Neal lived and accumulated his fortune and have even gone into the Cemetery in which he was buried looking in vain.

All these years the hiding place of the Neal gold has remained a mystery. Today the location of his grave is almost unknown as is the place where his gold rests.

Though he owned all the land which can be surveyed from the hill over looking Hoveysville on which he is buried, with undreamed of wealth his, in the coal & oil & timber which his vast acres contained his final resting place is lost to posterity.

In 1881 Jack Neal left his home at Hoveysville for Cincinnati where he went to buy goods for his store. A few weeks later he returned and soon fell ill. On Christmas day those who remember the occasion say he lay a corpse. Many sympathetic neighbors attended the funeral.

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Then followed the wave of what was perhaps the most deadly pestilence ever to sweep Floyd County.

People fell ill from the mysterious malady which took the life of Uncle Jack Neal, but was the beginning of what is now known as "The Small pox year."

The scourge swept all that section of 104 persons affected fifty five exactly half of them died. The living were unable to bury the dead. Crude boxes & shallow graves were fashioned to contain the bodies of the victims. Rodents preyed upon bodies before they could be interred. The burial ground in which Jack Neal was laid was filled with the shallow graves. His grave was surrounded by others and the location lost.

When the pestilence had spent itself one Jenny Howard who had been a servant in the Neal home, when he left for Cincinnati, returned & told of seeing him leave the house before dawn on the morning on which he began his journey with a box which contained the gold. A mad search for the treasure trove followed. Discovery of a pot containing \$750.00 silver said to have been that of Polly Neal his wife, in the cellar on the premises was made by Jim Smith a resident, with the result that the search for Mr. Neals money became more feverish than ever. Those occupying the old house in which Neal lived told stories of clanking chains and ghostly visitation and the renown of the spot grew. The search was carried on not only by persons living in that vicinity but by strangers who felt the lure of fortune and sought in vain golden wealth which was that of the man whose grave today is unmarked and the location of which remains a conjecture (Floyd County Times)

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Work boys, work just as hard as you can tear
Meat is good to eat and skin is good to wear.

We had a little dog and his name was Jim,
He jumped into the buttermilk up to his chin.

Two little peanuts a setting on the railroad track
Their little hearts all a flutter
Along came a big train
Toot, toot, peanut butter.

I had a little dog and his name was Rover
When he died, he died all over
I had a little mule and his name was Jack
I put him in the barn and he jumped out a crack.

"Here I stand on two little cobs
Come and kiss my lib lobs".

My old horsey's gone through town
Three legs up and four legs down
Mind old Horsey you'll fall down.

This is "old Hickory".
When you look at him,
Look at him well
And be careful how you hit him
For he sometimes hits back,
This old gent is a hard nut to crack.---A boy.

This is little chincopen
A smile on her face,
And dressed so neat
Isn't she cunning
Isn't she sweet?---A girl

Many local yarns are actual occurrences, others are told on
local people for effect. The yarner gets the interest of his audience
in this way.

Ye know Big John Hunter once went in John Frazure's store on
"Mud" Creek, picked him out a pair o' shoes, 12's $\frac{1}{2}$ and had them wrapped
up. Then he says, "What are you a givin' fer seng?" The merchant replied,
"I aint had a circular and I can't quote a price.
Hunter---"Well, I'll have to pay you with seng. I guess you'll get the
circular agin' I get the seng. And he walked out with the shoes under his
arm, and John Frazure haint seen him since. I'll bet he never does.
Yes,---he said, "you'll get the circular agin' I get the seng.

One in a rock
And two in a log,
One for me
And two for my dog, groundhog.

Run here, Sal,
With a ten-foot pole,
Twist this ground-hog
Out'en this hole, groundhog.

I took 'em to the house
And put 'em on the bile,
I believe to my soul,
You could smell him a mile, groundhog.

Here comes Sal,
With a chuckle and a grin,
Groundhog grease,
All over her chin, groundhog, (Author Unknown)
(this is a kind of Jig sung to the tune of the riddle)

THE SONG THE OLD COW DIED IN

There was a man,
And he had an old cow,
And he had no fodder for to give her,
So he took down his fiddle
And then he played, "Consider"
Consider, good cow, consider.

That old cow,
Was a good old cow,
But she sucked herself and milk did not deliver.
Yet he took down his fiddle and played "consider,
Consider, good cow, consider."

The old wife cried
When the old cow died,
Because they had no feed to give her,
So he took up his fiddle,
And cried, "Consider,
Consider, good wife, consider"

RED WING

LOVE SONG:

There was once an Indian Maiden,
A shy little prairie maiden,
Who sang a lay, a lov-song gay,
While on the plains
She whiled away the day.

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"I'll go down to New Orleans, my boat there I'll steer,
And marry a Spanish beauty on the banks will appear;
But now I'm at Orleans, my heart ain't at rest,
For the thoughts of Pretty Polly roll soft through my breast

"I'll go back to Kentucky, see Polly again,
And I'll never go leave her to follow the train.
Her eyes are like charcoal, her hair is a brown,
And she lives in Kentucky, near Cynthiana town".

Words from Collection, By-- J. H. Combs
Mr. C. is a native of Knott County.

TALT HALL

Come all you fathers and mothers,
And brothers and sisters all,
I'll relate to you the history
Concerning old Talt Hall.

He shot and killed Frank Salyers,
The starter of it all;
He's breaking up our country,
He's trying to kill us all.

They arrested him in Tennessee,
And placed him in Gladville jail;
He had no relations
No one to go his bail.

He heard the train a-coming,
Got up, put on his boots;
They're taking him to Richmond
To wear the striped suits.

He heard the train a-coming,
He heard those negroes' yell;
They're taking him to Richmond,
To hear the Richmond bells.

He wrote his brother a letter,
To his own home country,
Says, "See your satisfaction, brother,
Wherever you may be"

He wrote another letter,
Saying, "Brother, now farewell"
Says, "See your satisfaction, brother,
Or send your soul to hell".

He got upon the platform,
He wrung his hands and cried.
Says, "If I had not a-killed Frank Salyers,
I would not have had to died".

Talt Hall was a feudist of Floyd Co. Hanged at Gladeville Va. with
Doc. Taylor, made famous in Fox's Trail of the Lonesome Pine.

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The principal industries of Floyd County are coal, oil and gas. There are four veins of coal in the hills of Floyd County ranging from 30 inches to six feet or more in thickness, most of which is the non-coking variety. From 1906 the coal industry had a steady increase until 1926. In that year there were c. 60 coal operations in the county along the C. & O. R. R. employing thousands of men. The production was reported by the Department of Mines (State) Floyd County's in 1926 as a tonnage of 5,165,817. Since 1926 there has been a gradual decrease until at present there are only 19 active operations employing c. 3,000 men with an annual output of c. 2½ million tons.

The first flowing oil well in Eastern Kentucky was drilled in 1892 at the mouth of Salt Lick Creek on the right fork of Beaver Creek, (depth 1,000 feet) by Louis H. Gormley, experienced oil operator of New Castle Pennsylvania. This was the beginning with famous Beaver Creek Oil Pool which has been producing oil daily every since. This first strike in Floyd County has had quite a romance. Since Mr. Gormley came before the R. R. was built he was compelled to travel horseback or walk while prospecting, and the first "rig" was brought in by "push boat" and wagon. The ancient ox teams were used to pull the heavy wagons and county roads were then mere trails.

Because of low prices on oil it is not being pushed much at present.

In 1926 there were 60 oil and gas wells in the county with development on steady increase. At present there are five large gas companies and many small and local companies operating in Floyd County with a total average of 6 to 7 hundred wells, says Engineer, N. May of Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company. Some of the gas is used locally, but the most of it

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is piped to larger cities of the state and to Huntington, West Virginia.

The largest compressor plants or stations are the Warco at Langley in Beaver Valley and the Boleman plant just over or about on line between Pike and Floyd Counties, which is said to be the largest steam plant of its kind in the country. There are five compressor stations in the county.

These plants are not open to the public.

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The only manufacturing in Floyd County is the handicraft already mentioned and the one man broom factory at Bonanza, Kentucky, run by M. A. Stanley, a blind man. His products are sold locally.

Floyd County has several small sawmills. Some of these saw material for the mines such as ties, posts, and clapboards. The product of the stave mills are used in whiskey and beer barrels. The most important stave mill is probably that of Douglas Hayes near McDowell, Kentucky, left fork of Beaver Creek.

A few years ago there were two carbon plants situated in the Beaver Gas and Coal Fields. No plants nor factories are located in Floyd. 634. Leading commodity exchange. The only commodity exchange found in the county are local stores. Here the small farmer exchanges his chickens, eggs or farm products for merchandise, especially coffee, sugar and tobacco. Truck farming is on the increase in Floyd County.

Mr. Isbelle, County Agricultural Agent.

635-636 Floyd County has no trade associations nor storage places.

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"The natural resources of Floyd County are really just beginning to be developed", says Mr. Thomas in his Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky. Coal, oil, gas, timber, and stone, enough to last for many centuries is being taken from seemingly inexhaustable supply. The U. S. Geological Report estimates the coal supply of Eastern Kentucky coal fields at 67,500,000,000 short tons clean coal. Because of the low price of oil it is not being developed very much at present. However, gas is on the boom. Almost weekly we notice in the Floyd County Times a gas well has been completed in the county registering so many million cubic feet capacity per day. Some produce as much as four million cubic feet. Most all the time there are sections of pipe line being constructed. The mines run regularly averaging five days per week, twenty-four hour days, and three shifts. There is some timber being taken daily. The principal timber industry at present is manufacturing staves for whiskey and beer barrels.

There are thirteen workable veins of coal in Floyd County. The principal ones are Richardson (Hindman), Flag, Peach Orchard-Hazard, Limestone, Fireclay, Little Fire Clay, Whitesburg and Wayland, No. 1 Elkhorn, Elkhorn No. 3, and Van Lear No.2 Elkhorn. The Elkhorn seams are being worked more commercially at the present time.

Floyd County ranks fifth, among the counties of the Eastern coal field, in bulk of production. The coal is excellent for cooking, having a minimum amount of ash and sulphur only .88 Ave. Of South Eastern Counties Knott has 1.04% sulphur, the highest, while Pike has .68%, the lowest. The total average for the 15 counties is 0.82. This is all bituminous coal. There is no Anthracite found in Kentucky.

In northern Floyd County, the Van Lear No.2, Elkhorn is the only seam now being worked commercially. At Wayland in the southern part of the county the Elkhorn No. 1 is being worked.

Before 1906 the only coal mined in the county was that for Steam

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Boats and domestic purposes. Since that time, the coming of the railroad coal production has had a steady increase. In 1926 the report of the Dept. of Mines shows the county's production at its highest, an annual tonnage of 5,165,817. Today the annual output is estimated $2\frac{1}{2}$ million tons. There are now 19 active coal operations in the county employing about 3,000 men.

There is also quite a bit of cannel coal in the county. Elkhorn No. 2 vein is cannel coal in many places. Then there is a regular vein of cannel coal which runs from about one to six feet in thickness. It is mined something like fireclay as it has no substantial roof rock. The cannel coal is very hard and does not take water like ordinary coal. It comes out in large blocks which lie between small mud seams. A block of cannel coal makes a nice large blaze and burns for a long time. Before lamp oil came into use people in the mountains used this coal in their wood fire at night for light. The blaze is very white and illuminating.

Oil and Gas: In 1926 there were 60 oil and gas wells in Floyd County with development steadily increasing. Today there is an average of six or seven hundred producing wells most of these are gas wells. There is a good market for gas, but oil prices aren't so good. So gas is being worked most.

The most important gas producing section is the Beaver Gas Field. There are several wells in the vicinity of Prestonsburg. These aren't very high in production and have to be drilled into the Corniferous limestone to get a paying well at all.

There isn't much gas until the Red Shale is passed. It has the following depths and thicknesses in Floyd County:

<u>Lessor</u>	<u>Waters</u>	<u>Depth of Red Shale</u>	<u>Known Thickness</u>
Joseph Gearheart	Salt Lick Cr.	1,158	14
Susanna Gearheart	Rt. Beaver Salt Lick	1,053	49
James Prater	Brush Creek	931	228
G. F. Kendrick	Cow Creek	1,143	267
Joseph Grey	Bull Creek	900	130

<u>Lessor</u>	<u>Waters</u>	<u>Depth of Red Shale</u>	<u>Known Thickness</u>
Marion Rice	Brush Creek	1,020	13
Jack Allen	Salt Lick	1,126	9
George Allen	Salt Lick Rt. Beaver	1,045	134
R. S. Elliott	MudCreek	1,566	195
A. S. Crisp	Buck's Branch	930	131
T. J. Webb	Henry Branch Beaver Creek	872	253

There are three oil sands in the Pennsylvania System above the Red Shale. They are known as the Beaver, Horton and Pike Sandy both in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The Maxton sand just beneath the Red Rock Shale is a producer of oil and gas. Other gas producing sands of the Mississippian system are "Little Lime", "Big Lime", St. Louis, "Big Injun", "Waverly" and "Berea" or "Weir". Of the Devonian system is the "Corniferous" limestones. The big lime and the Big Injun sands are as a rule the biggest gas producers.

When paying gas is struck in one of these first sands it is some times just used until exhausted then drilled on down to another sand.

There are five large gas companies operating in the county as well as numerous small companies. The two most important gas companies are the Warfield Gas Company and the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company. The gas is taken care of by thousands of meters and five compressor stations. The largest station is the Warco at Langley in Beaver Valley. Much gas is carried by "intake" lines to the Boleman plant just over the line in Pike County, where it is compressed for large eastern cities.

As to the amount of gas in the county the writer is unable to find any estimates other than the one mentioned. There is probably enough gas to last for centuries. Some people worry for fear it will give out or become exhausted, but why worry, the present generation is getting its part. Let the next get along the best way it can. Who knows what Progress will bring?

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Neal Treasure

Floyd County.

Ross

Louisville Times

Aug., 21, 1929

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Some where in the vicinity of Hoveysville this county lies buried a hoard of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in gold. That is what the oldest citizens of that County will tell you and what their Children have been reared to believe .

So implicitly is this believed that almost annually for half a century treasure seekers have gone to Hoveysville to dig for the fortune which "Uncle Jack Neal is believed to have possessed and cherished .

Inspired by dreams in which they claimed to have been told where the treasure lies, guided by divining rods, which they have held would find the treasure for them the lost pot of gold secretly and under cover of darkness, these searchers have patiently explored the grounds about the house in which Mr. Neal lived and accumulated his fortune and have even gone into the Cemetery in which he was buried looking in vain.

All these years the hiding place of the Neal gold has remained a mystery. Today the location of his grave is almost unknown as is the place where his gold rests.

Though he owned all the land which can be surveyed from the hill over looking Hoveysville on which he is buried, with undreamed of wealth his, in the coal & oil & timber which his vast acres contained his final resting place is lost to posterity.

In 1881 Jack Neal left his home at Hoveysville for Cincinnati where he went to buy goods for his store. A few weeks later he returned and soon fell ill. On Christmas day those who remember the occasion say he lay a corpse. Many sympathetic neighbors attended the funeral.

Then followed the wave of what was perhaps the most deadly pestilence ever to sweep Floyd County.

People fell ill from the mysterious malady which took the life of Uncle Jack Neal, but was the beginning of what is now known as "The Small pox year."

The scourge swept all that section of 104 persons affected fifty five exactly half of them died. The living were unable to bury the dead. Crude boxes & shallow graves were fashioned to contain the bodies of the victims. Rodents preyed upon bodies before they could be interred. The burial ground in which Jack Neal was laid was filled with the shallow graves. His grave was surrounded by others and the location lost.

When the pestilence had spent itself one Jenny Howard who had been a servant in the Neal home, when he left for Cincinnati, returned & told of seeing him leave the house before dawn on the morning on which he began his journey with a box which contained the gold. A mad search for the treasure trove followed. Discovery of a pot containing \$750.00 silver said to have been that of Polly Neal his wife, in the cellar on the premises was made by Jim Smith a resident, with the result that the search for Mr. Neals money became more feverish than ever. Those occupying the old house in which Neal lived told stories of clanking chains and ghostly visitation and the renown of the spot grew. The search was carried on not only by persons living in that vicinity but by strangers who felt the lure of fortune and sought in vain golden wealth which was that of the man whose grave today is unmarked and the location of which remains a conjecture (Floyd County Times)

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There are the Odd Fellows and Masons in Prestonsburg. Each has its own Temple and Auditorium. Some of the larger mining towns have these Fraternities and regular meeting places.

672. Each of the 19 mining towns in Floyd County has its Labor Union Local and Local Number. The following example: Auxier U.M.W.A. Local #5836 (North East Coal Co.) membership 229.

Each Union Local of the County has a corresponding organization and regular meetings are held. A total of c. 3,000 U.M.W. of A. are found in the County, each mine being organized 100% membership. There are no Company Unions.

The U.M.W. of A. are now operating under a new contract signed Oct. 1, 1935 and extending to April 1, 1937, as follows:

An agreement between Big Sandy Elkhorn Coal Operators Association and the United Mine Workers of America. District 30 Committee, Sam Caddy, James J. McAndrews and others, 7 hour day, 5 day week and not over 35 hours per week except in case of emergency.

Rates: Motorman \$5.26 per day.

Breakmen 5.10 " "

Daymen(Inside) 4.86-5.40 per day

Daymen(outside) 4.34-5.00 per day

Old men & boys 3.50 per day

Machine cut coal - Loaders under 4 feet \$.62½ per ton.

" " " Loaders over 4 feet \$.58 per ton.

For cutting short wall \$.10 per ton.

Safety rules are observed closely. Each worker inside the mine must check in and check out at the opening or entrance. Those who disobey rules are punished, first and second offenses a "lay off", third offense 5 days lay off or discharge as operator prefers.

P. A. Childer, Auxier, Kentucky

There are a few Union Barbers in the county, and the R. R. employees belong to a brotherhood, but have no organization here. The U.M.W.A. is the

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Only union of much importance to the economic life of the county.

Further information may be obtained from James J. McAndrews, District Sec., 1408 First National Building, Lexington, Kentucky (U.M.W.A.)

U.M.W. Journal, March 1, 1936

The American Red Cross, Floyd County Chapter, has its headquarters in Prestonsburg. There are about 1,000 members throughout the county. Its officers are: Martin Powers, Chairman; J. M. Davidson, Treas.; Ella Noel White, Executive Secretary, all of Prestonsburg. It has the executive board under the chairman and regular Red Cross routine, as Junior Red Cross, First Aid courses, home hygiene, farm accident program, gives clothing and aids clinics, especially crippled childrens' clinics.

Ella Noel White, Prestonsburg, Ky.

There are no regular charity hospitals in the county.

The outstanding hospital is the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin, Ky. This was formerly owned and operated by the famous Stumbo surgeons, "Ed" and "Walk". This hospital was purchased last year by the Pikeville Clinic. It is now being operated successfully with Dr. Paul Grounard as leading surgeon. The Hospital has 50 beds, trained nurses and modern equipment, a dental office included.

Dr. Gayheart, Martin, 5 beds, General Hospital; Elkhorn Coal Corp., Wayland, 10 beds, company cases and select; Inland Steel Co., Wheelwright, 5 beds, company cases and select.

The County Health Department holds weekly clinics as follows: Venereal for Indigents, Maternal, and one for child health somewhere in the county.

Service is free.

Dr. M. Ransdall, County Health Dept.
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

"Floyd County Relief Department".

Floyd County has drawn State wide attention in the past with its Relief Graft Scandal. Under the supervision of Miss Edna Prater of Martin, Relief Worker, it was free from politics and working smoothly and economically when it closed on April 1, 1936.

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On March 17, 1936 there were 4903 case records all of which have been completed since the office burned in July 1934. Of the Active cases on the above mentioned date, records show that there are 193 unemployed, 174CCC, 1,127 cases transferred to the W.P.A., and 676 employable cases unassigned to work. There are 860 active cases not on W.P.A.

Relief reached its maximum in May 1935 when the county has 25 Home Visitors and disbursed \$18,000. per month.

The present Commodity Department transferred to the W.P.A. is under the supervision of Carl Horn. March 17, 1936 there were 1,496 cases receiving commodities, 733 of which were W.P.A. families. At this time there were 8,501 persons enjoying commodities in the county. During January and February 1936 foods distributed were valued at \$10,036.05.

Miss Edna Prater, County Relief Worker. Mr.
Carl Horn, Commodity Supervisor, Prestonsburg,
Kentucky. Relief Records.

County Outline

Supplement to 600-627

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610-- In a previous manuscript a description of the city plan, Prestonsburg is given.

In addition we wish to say here that through the combined effort of the W. P.A., City and County there has been quite a lot of improvement in Prestonsburg, since 1930. Especially are noted the New City Hall, U. S. 23 and Carter Boulevard, a 50 foot pavement through the center of the city bordered by spacious sidewalks. Another improvement is the large gymnasium and recreation hall on the grade school grounds.

"The City has 15,000 feet of paved streets, 2,000 feet of which are now under W. P. A. Construction".

Pictures and description of these improvements are found in The Kentucky City page 8, Vol. VI No. X entitled "W. P. A. in Prestonsburg".

The Hon. A. C. Carter, Mayor of Prestonsburg began the automobile business in 1923 when he had to travel horseback to sell his cars. Being a good business man and an efficient manager, he has made a success. As a sponsor of good roads, paved streets, and progress in general, Mr. Carter won for himself leadership. In 1927 he was elected Mayor of Prestonsburg, a position he has held ever since. Naturally being a wide awake business man and a good manager, he is an excellent mayor.

The auto business is still flourishing and Mr. Carter is a very busy man. He is much in favor of the American Guide or anything which will attract the Tourist or outside world to our Mountain Town--to these and everyone, Maror A. C. Carter and the citizens of Prestonsburg bid welcome.

"A Kentucky Mayor", P. 55 -- News and Views - for January 1930 monthly magazine for employees of General Motors Acceptance Corp. Adn. Dept. Broadway at 57th St., New York, N. Y.

A Race Track of 40 years ago:

In 1896 and from about 5 or 6 years to that time there was a race track $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long in the Garfield bottoms north of Prestonsburg, now

Box 2 File 1

Garfield Addition. Races were run every Friday.

The fastest horses were the Chock Stumbo Horse and the Spradlin Mare. John "Ant" Hall owned the C. Stumbo Horse and Pat Spradlin the Spradlin mare. The Stumbo Horse most always won. There was much betting and good sportsmanship.

Malcolm Harris, 274 Second Ave. Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Harris was born Nov. 22, 1870, a son of the late Harmond Harris, former confederate soldier and lawyer of this city.

The Hon. Harmond Harris was a great practical joker - on one occasion he told the "boys" if they'd each give him \$2.00 they would not have to work the county road, (six days a year free labor on county road). They were later apprehended by county officials and about to be sent to jail. The boys asked Lawyer Harris why this was so. Had he not received the fee to exonerate them from road work? Mr. Harris replied, "as far as I am concerned, you don't have to work."

J. W. Harris, a brother of Harmond Harris, living at Lancer, three miles from Prestonsburg, is said to be the only living confederate soldier now in Floyd County. (A. J. "Uncle Andy" Frazure died the other day). Mr. J. W. Harris is a character. When he comes to town, he rides up in front of the Court House, gives the old "Rebel" yell, and dismounts hitching his horse to the fence. Everyone is glad to see him and to hear him talk. He is also a practical joker.

The Harris' are an old and much honored and respected family of Floyd County. An exact list of early family names many of which are still found in the county is given on PP 129-135 of The Big Sandy Valley by W. R. Jillson. These were taken from the family archives of John Graham, pioneer. These archives are now in possession of Mrs. Wm. Buck (Harris) Dingus, Prestonsburg, Ky. The period covered by this particular list is from 1800-1820 and the original spellings of names has been retained. John Graham was representative to the Gen. Assembly from Mason Co. when Floyd was a part of

First Avenue leads to Bull Creek Road and one in western part to West Prestonsburg and C. & O. depot from Bridge Street.

Prestonsburg has 15,000 feet of paving, 2,000 feet of which is now under W.P.A. construction.

611. Buildings of the city were originally of log construction. Parts of many of these are to be found in the older residences along First Avenue, "weather-boarded" over or covered in some way by more modern additions. One will find these especially by noticing the thickness of window casements. Architecture in general is just plain American. A few small columns and gables are found that are the 2 large columns at the Bank Josephine entrance, and portico of Harken's law offices, 4 columns that closely resemble. They are usually classed as Doric Order of Greek architecture. The two small columns decorating the entrance of the new post office building are of the Ionic Order of Greek styles.

There are several wood buildings in the city which are rapidly being replaced by those of brick and stone. Not many of these are fire proof, however.

612. The Harken's Law office building once said to be the largest individual law office in the state is probably the most out standing piece of architecture in town. It is built of Rowan County stone (chipped) with basement, tile roof, spacious office rooms and Greek portico in front.

No building in town we believe would cause the beauty worshiper to sit down and cry for joy or any one to go into ecstasy over their beauty and magnificence, yet there are some rather nice looking edifices.

613. Prestonsburg's post office building was erected in 1931 and 1932 on Government owned lot on Fourth Avenue and Court Street, opposite the court house square and completed at a cost of \$40,000. It was designed by J. A. Whitmore, architect for the Treasury Department, is a fireproof structure of brick and stone, 54 feet by 56 feet, basement and two stories above ground extending into the roof. First floor has lobby, boxes, work room, and post master's office. Second floor has 5 office rooms and the swing room for employees of duty. Rooms are now occupied by the county Agricultural Agent, and Assistant District

Attorney. One room is for use of Civil Service Department. Building has modern conveniences and a beautiful entrance between two Ionic Columns with the eagle design in glass over the door. This is the only Federal building in town.

614. The only state building in Floyd is one small maintenance garage in the "Y" at Allen where Route 80 and U. S. 23 meet.

615. County buildings are the jail and the remains of a courthouse partly destroyed by fire.

The county's first courthouse was burned May 2, 1808 with all records lost. The remains of the present building stand facing Court Street between Third Avenue and Carter Boulevard. The fire occurred January 22, 1936, all records were saved only slightly damaged by water and handling. The total damage is estimated over \$10,000.

Plans were recently submitted for a new building which is to be erected soon. The building destroyed was about 40 years of age. The new one is to stand a few feet forward, toward Court Street and on the sight of the old. The more modern left wing only slightly damaged is to be connected with the new construction.

(It is said by some that a new courthouse here according to a certain official is like "Uncle Josh's" school house at "Punkin Center", "a new building out of the old, but not tear down the old'en till the new one is built").

It is expected a new building will be completed here within the next two years, before the next county election anyway.

The jail is three stories high, made of brick and stone and almost fire proof. It holds 40 or 50 prisoners with jailer's residence on first floor. It is of modern design and conveniences having been built only a few years. Prisoners are cared for and handled in the most modern and up-to-date methods.

617. The John Graham Chapter of the D. A. R., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a few years ago had erected a memorial to the above mentioned pioneer on the site of the first Floyd County Court House donated by him c. 1800. On this site now stands the First National Bank and just in front of the bank is found a small

weathered stone on which is a bronze tablet with the inscription, "A Memorial to John Graham, etc." by the Chapter given above.

618. The two concrete French suspension bridges across Big Sandy River at Prestonsburg were completed c. 1932. These are each supported by one large concrete span reaching entirely across the river and to the ground on each side the only bridges of this kind on the river. The one at the south end of Prestonsburg's First Avenue was spoken of in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column some time ago as "The bridge built into a cliff". At it's western end it was built into a cliff, but was later connected with the Bull Creek Road. This road was once the main trail up Sandy Valley. It was nearer by c. 6 miles this way from Prestonsburg to the mouth of Beaver Creek, now Allen (city).

There are two other bridges crossing the river in the county, peculiar in that they are so much alike. One of these on U. S. 23 at Cliff just north west of Prestonsburg and the other on Route 80 at Allen. Both of three spans steel construction on 5° to 10° grade, are over top above the rail road on west end, and are almost exactly alike. They were built by the same company we are told and in the same year.

620. There are no Historic house museums in the county, say the D. A. R. and U. D. C. in Prestonsburg. This statement is also affirmed by Mr. N. Allen, editor of the "Floyd County Times".

922. There are several houses in the county dating back to the Civil War and beyond. In Prestonsburg are the Jones house, Doc. Neal house, Ford house, and the I. Richmond house along First Avenue containing logs or other structure installed before the Civil War. Part of the I. Richmond house was known during the war as the David Cooley place, Inn or Hotel in which soldiers were known to have sought lodging. The Garfield place (now) north of Court Street on Second Avenue by the old bridge was known as the Weddington home and was used by Gen. James A. Garfield as a headquarters while conducting his campaign in the vicinity of Prestonsburg (during his Big Sandy maneuver). It is thought by some to have been personally owned by General Garfield. Building is old fashioned,

two stories with chimneys at each end and one story kitchen in rear, none on Second Avenue. The house faces the river. It has a very nice lawn and may be visited, but is not open to the public.

The "old red brick", east of Allen by U. S. 23 was built by A. J. Fennylson in 1880. It is noted locally as it was an old time boat landing, ferry, and stage station before the advent of the railroad (not open to public).

623. Prestonsburg, itself is an historic site, the first house having been built by John Spurlock in 1791 near the present site of the home of J. M. Davidson, back of post office on Court Street. Later this place became "Preston's Station" named for John Preston, a Virginia surveyor. In 1799. It was called Prestonsburg in honor of the same man. For a time Prestonsburg was known as "The Hub of Sandy Valley", the County Seat of Floyd District 1, including most all of the said valley and parts of surrounding counties. Floyd County is said to be the oldest of the counties along Big Sandy River and Prestonsburg than Cincinnati.

Col. Daniel Boone and Wm. Hill spent the winter of 1767 at what is now called Boons Camp or Boon Lick on the left fork of Middle Creek 12 miles from Prestonsburg. The winter was rather severe and they were compelled to remain in the mountains until spring. Near this lick, they were able to find plenty of game without traveling a distance from their winter camp.

In 1775 just after the Watauga treaty a bear hunting and exploring party came over the hill of the headwaters of Sandy River and camped at a lick on a little creek which they called Salt Lick Creek (located near Hueysville in Floyd County). The party was composed of Wm. Thornton, James Fowler, and Wm. Pittman. Fowler named Beaver Creek and it still goes, by that name. Thornton and Phillip Roberts came again in March 1796 for salt for the settlements. These men never knew of the rich bottom land along the Sandy Valley.

No real celebrated battle fields or forts are found in the county, however Gen. James A. Garfield purchased the "Bottoms" north of Prestonsburg during the Civil War, now Garfield and Porter additions. They were used as camping

ground, etc. for his army while conducting campaign and skirmishes in the vicinity. One of these is called the battle of the three forks of Middle Creek. (Garfield winner and no monuments).

Others are the "Wireman Shoal skirmish", five miles north of Prestonsburg and the Bull Mountain ^{near} Dwale south of Prestonsburg where one "Rebel" lost his life and was burried where he fell. (His name was unknown and for years the Davidson family in Prestonsburg kept the grave fenced. At present there is no fence or marker about the grave).

Another skirmish known as the "Battle of Ivil" occured at the mouth of Ivy Creek, east of Allen on U. S. 23. Here 2 or 3 men were killed. A monument has been proposed for this place.

625. There is talk that the Auxier mound on which stood the home of Elijah Auxier, deceased, of Auxier, Kentucky, and the Jack Neal mound at Hueysville, Kentucky were formerly Indian mounds. As far as is known no digging has been done to find out. It is possible that there are others in the county that the writer has not heard of.

A story is to be heard in most every neighborhood in the county of Indian graves, somewhere in that locality. These are usually on some hill top or prominent ridge in the form of a rock pile which are easily regognized as having been pladed there by some human agency. There are some 3 of 4 of these on the top of the hill on the east side of the river at Auxier, Kentucky of these there was a story in the Floyd County Times about 1932. Two young men, while hunting dug into one of these rock piles to see what was there. They found a skeleton in sitting posture facing the east. The skull was missing. A large rattler attacked the boys at this time and digging was stopped. The grave was refilled and the femur of what has evidently been a man was brought away with them. It ^{is} ~~was~~ thought that the Indians burried their dead here after one of their fights with the fort in "Black House" bottom below the mouth of John's Creek, Johnson County, one mile north of Auxier, Kentucky

Indian reservations and Tribal remnants are not applicable in this Co.

FLOYD COUNTY

KENTUCKY

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File 4
JOHN I SPURGEON

SALISBURY: A village three miles from Martin, Kentucky on The Left Beaver Branch of the C. & O. R. R. The R. R. Station is situated in the center of this village and its business has grown up near and around the station.

Salisbury has no bus service nor taxis. Most people travel by train

public square to Wm. Dingus, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, in 1891 and torn down by him the same year.

The present Court House was built in 1891 and completed in 1892. The foundation is of hand dressed stone taken from the mountain side near Prestonsburg. The odd red brick were hand made at home and burned in "homemade" improvised kilns. This is to the best of Wm. Dingus' knowledge and recollection. Other old folk in Prestonsburg agree that this is true.

This present structure of two stories stands nestled in a clump of maple trees on corner of Court Street and Third Avenue with a nice lawn in front which is surrounded by a concrete fence four feet high. On the right side is the old hitching rack where maybe seen daily twenty-five or thirty horses and mules hitched while their owners shop in town or attend the business of court.

The large two door front entrance of the court house is protected by an old fashioned portico with two plain metal columns blocked top and bottom to resemble some Greek Architecture. Through the center of first floor runs a large hallway flanked with offices. The right side front to rear, Circuit Clerk's Office, Vault, School Superintendent and Justice of the Peace Dist. 1. Left side of Hallway front to rear, stairway, County Clerk's Office, Vault, and Grand Jury Room. On the second floor to the front is the large court room which will seat 350 people. The Bar is at the rear of the room and back of it is one Jury room, a room for witnesses, and the Judge's private room. At the head of the stairway and clear along the left side of the court room are the Sheriff's offices. The Circuit Court Room just described, has on its walls the following enlarged pictures. Ex-Judges -- J. H. Stewart, G. W. Gardener, J. H. Burns, A. J. Auxier, and J. M. Brown.

Ten years ago a left front wing was erected to the present court house. It is also two stories, red brick, and is occupied, first floor by County Judge and County Attorney's offices, second floor, the County Court Room which seats 200 to 250 people. This room is finished plain with no outstanding decorations.

On Jan. 22, 1936 while Circuit Court was in session a fire broke out in the attic immediately over the Judge's bench in the old part of the building. It was finally stopped but left a damage estimated at \$10,000. Records were damaged somewhat by water but none completely destroyed.

The building is now being repaired by the County. A new roof will be put on and all the inside refinished. The Circuit Clerk's Office will be made to include the old school Supt's Office room, and a new vault for Circuit Court Records.

The building will be equipped with drinking fountains throughout.

County Court Clerk, A. B. Meade says, "about eight to ten thousand dollars will be spent on repair work.

There are two banks in Floyd county both of which are in Prestonsburg.

The Bank Josephine is situated on the corner of Court Street and First Avenue, a two story buff brick. As per statement published June 30, 1936, this bank's total assets were \$1,030,567.71, Total Liabilities and Capital \$1,030,567.71,

George P. Archer, Cashier
H. D. Fitzpatrick,
W. W. Richmond,
Walter S. Harkens, Jr., Directors.

The First National Bank, Reserve Dist. No. 4, as per statement published June 30, 1936, Total Assets \$848,979.96, Total Liabilities \$848,175.96.

Henry Stephens, Jr. Cashier
H. T. Allen
A. B. Combs,
G. C. Spradlin, Directors.

Principal transportation facilities in Floyd County are railroads and trucks and cars on U. S. 35 and State Route 400.

410. The daily interstate transportation service is rendered by timed freights over the U. S. C. Railroad. Number 87 westbound, Elkhorn City to Big Sandy Junction is timed 4 hours and 45 minutes, #95 westbound 5 hours, number 92 and number 94 eastbound 5 hours and 30 minutes. Through freight is assembled on the Martin and Iron roads, this county, from which it is taken by local trains to Paintsville or Shelby yards where it is picked up by Manifest.

Intrastate as well as interstate transportation has outlets north via Ashland, south via Elkhorn City and west via Allen and Paintsville.

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411. There are no regular airports nor air service in the county. The Fairchild Flying Field, now under construction and located approximately one mile west of Allen in Beaver Valley, was used some during the summer of 1935 by tramp planes doing taxi service. Whether this field will be completed or not is questioned by the public.

Personal observation

412. The county has a daily bus service via the Sparks Bus Lines, Inc. There are five buses south bound and five buses north bound over the Mayo Trail at intervals of approximately three hours.

The Sparks Bus Lines, Inc. lately consolidated with the Southeastern Greyhound and has on this division seven buses, five of which are 1935 models 21 passenger Chevrolets and two 1936 model 21 passenger yellow coaches with Buick motors. These machines are handled by uniformed experienced drivers of seven to fourteen years in the service who also act as guides to any customer. Each machine is covered by \$5,000 insurance in case of death by accident.

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Schedules are so arranged that connections may be made with main line and local buses both in Prestonsburg, the county seat, and in neighboring villages along the route. The bus station in Prestonsburg is on First Street in front of the First National Bank and two squares from the center of the city.

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413. Floyd County is traversed by the Mayo Trail, U. S. 23, a hard surfaced road passing through Prestonsburg and adjacent to State Route #20 at Allen. Route 23 was completed in this county in 1933. The surface is of concrete running 6 inches thick at each edge to 9 inches thick in the middle. The width of the road is 16 feet and slightly wider in the curves for safer driving.

State Route #20, recently under construction has 2 miles of concrete surface from Allen west in Beaver Valley and then graveled to the Knott County line. The graveled surface is rather rough in winter.

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414. The 74.4 miles of main line railroad in Floyd County is owned and operated by the C. & O. Railway Company. The 29 miles of main line track along the Big Sandy River was constructed by the above company in 1901 to 1903, Beaver Valley Branch line 20.3 miles from Allen Junction to Highland 1913, and 24.6 miles from Martin to Wecksbury by the C. & O. Railway Company 1913, (later purchased by the C. & O. Railway Company.)

There are 7 depots in the county, five of which are along the river division. The one at Martin, 3 miles west of Allen Junction on Beaver Valley Branch, is rather attractive for a small depot.

The usual type of station is a one story building, long, narrow, yellow in color, with freight, express, baggage, and mail divisions, surrounded by a platform.

The Prestonsburg Railway Station is located in West Prestonsburg, on the west side of the Big Sandy River from the main city and is reached by way of a large concrete bridge connected with an under ground crossing approximately

one fourth mile from the court house. The station is approximately 200 feet by 85 feet with platform on three sides. It has three waiting rooms, women's and men's (white and colored), equipped with up to date rest rooms, drinking fountains, and hot water and gas heating system. Employees here include two telegraph operators, one freight agent, one clerk, and one janitor. Daily timed and local freight service may be had from this station to any point in the county.

The county has a passenger service of four trains daily one east and one west, morning and afternoon, on the river division. Exact schedule need not be given as it is subject to change at any time without notice. Passenger trains carry mail, express, baggage, and day coaches. A rear "sail on" coach carried by trains number 36 and 37 will be found more comfortable for long distance traveling. Trains #36 and #39 make connections with the Beaver Valley branch line at Allen.

Two round trips daily (Wayland to Allen and return) are made by the Right Beaver passenger train and one round trip daily (Martin to Wheelersburg) by the Left Beaver passenger train.

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413. There are no regular freight terminals in the county, however, each railway station has its freight office and storage rooms. Prestonsburg station handles about 30 tons in and 10 tons out per month.

Big Sandy Division has 2 local freights per day and Beaver Valley one alternating east today and west tomorrow. (For actual car loadings contact R. W. Northcutt, S. I. O. Car Distributor, Ashland, Kentucky (local etc.)

414. Big Sandy river is navigable through the county, but has seldom been used since the building of the railroad except for an occasional log raft. The last significant floated port in Floyd County in 1913.

Previous to the coming of the railroad the river was our principal outlet. Steamboats made regular trips as far as Pikeville at high stages of the river. Mills particularly were used extensively when it was at low stage.

420. Having no large cities in the county interurban transportation is carried on largely by bus, taxi, truck, mules and horse teams.

Personal observation

421. For four years Sparks Brothers Bus Company has operated from Prestonsburg through Allen to Wayland in Beaver Valley on a line formerly owned by A. C. Carter of Prestonsburg. At present the Sparks Brothers' Buses make four regular trips each way daily over this line at 3 hour intervals stopping anywhere for passengers or small express packages.

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On Route #80 we also have the Grey Eagle Bus Line, a local line carrying passengers. This line makes three round trips per day from Lackey to Allen, has rather comfortable buses and lends variety to local and urban transportation through Beaver Valley. Local passenger trains are used more extensively for interurban travel during the winter.

422. There are no electric trains and no travel by boat.

423. Floyd County has 202 licensed trucks of various types at present. These ply U. S. 23 and Route #80 regularly hauling while horse or mule teams and wagons still may be seen on the many miles of rough country road.

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Boats and ferries do not apply.

430. Local transportation is carried on by means of buses, taxis, and private cars, wagons, sleds, buggies, mules and horses.

Personal observation

431. Sparks Brothers Buses or Grey Eagle Buses will carry local passengers, baggage, and small express packages on their regular trips, stopping anywhere.

432. Floyd County has no street cars.

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433. Prestonsburg has four taxis, Allen one and Martin one. Their prices are 25¢ anywhere in town and trips by arrangement with owner.

In Prestonsburg, Henry Mace has the "Mace Taxi". His station is on First Street in front of the poolroom. (No telephone) Ray Woods, his driver has had 14 years experience in driving. Jim P. Harris' Taxi, driven by the owner has the same station as Mace's.

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The Dotson Taxis are driven by the Dotson Brothers, E. K. and Jim, with experience 9 and 6 years respectively. Their telephone number is 229 Prestonsburg, and their station is Court Street in front of Dotson's Restaurant.

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In Allen is the Fonso Herrington Taxi with telephone 90101 Allen, and his stand is in front of Allen Restaurant. Mr. Herrington, operating in Allen three years.

Bill Allen's Taxi at Martin, Kentucky may be found by telephoning 272 or station in front of Martin Grocery. He has had 9 years of experience.

434. There are no regular sight seeing cars or buses in the county, but trucks or buses may be chartered for the purpose with a few hours notice. In summer parties with such conveyance are frequently seen on the highways of the locality and many trips are taken into the country.

Personal observation

TRANSPORTATION

John T. Sturgill

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thought of in his home town. He was accidentally killed last year by a train at Allen, Kentucky.

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The most important are feature stories and spnthecated articles by Mr. Norman Allen, Editor of the Floyd County Times, who still contributes these to leading newspapers and who will be glad to give you full particulars. Mr. Allen was formerly a reporter on Chicago Daily News, and editor of a Louisa paper.

Floyd County claims Mr. Willard R. Jilson, as a resident Author who lived for a number of years in Prestonsburg. Mr. Jilson owned property in this city, married Miss Marie Gormley, of Prestonsburg while living here, left us about 1922 to become State Geologist under Governor Sampson and only recently sold his holdings in our County Seat.

11. Floyd County produces coal, oil, and gas in quantity and quality from an inexhaustable supply in our aged mountains. These are discussed in detail in topic 631 of manuscript on "Industry and Commerce", already sent to you. The County has small deposits of metal, glass, alum and salt. What is thought to be silver has been prospected lately on Little Paint Creek near East Point, Kentucky. Glass is found in John's Creek Valley, salt on Salt Lick Creek and Middle Creek. Alum and Salt Petre in Big Mud Creek.

There are sand stones, gray and brown that are used in buildings and for road surface and culverts.

12. Floyd County's public records were destroyed by fire along with the first court house in 1803 on May 2. A commission was appointed by authority of an Act of the General Assembly dated December 27, 1803 whereby such destroyed records may be replaced, to restore said records. This Commission was composed of Harry Stratton, John Spurlock, and Cornelius McGuire with James Mayo, Clerk. Several weeks were taken to do this work. The Commission

meeting was held in the home of Mr. Mayo.

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Some very unique records may be found in our present files as: In 1808 a lot on Main Street now First Avenue, Prestonsburg, was attached and sold for c. \$16.20 debt and one Pole Ax. Another case on Big Paint Creek, then Floyd County, where one man traded one big Buck negro to 500 acres of land; A case of five bearkskins traded to so many acres of land, a good sized farm and the skins to be taken as soon as the fur became good.

13. A history of Floyd County is included in "Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky" by W. R. Thomas, written 1925 and 1926.

~~History of the County is found in Jilson's Sandy Valley; Keer's~~
History of Kentucky, and the old Collins History of Kentucky.

There ~~are~~^{is} no known individual volume confined to Floyd County.

14. Yes, our local papers have been interested in local history, but I am unable to give the details at present as to articles and stories published about the County in our local papers. Can say that these subjects seem to have been followed rather closely by The Floyd County Times. The F. C. Times shop burned about ten years ago and old records were lost. So we can only refer to files dated from about 1927 until the present.

15. Monument to John Graham - See 617.

16. Indian Mounds, etc. See Topics 624 and 625 in the subject of Historical Remains.

We may add here that this section seems to have been held sacred by the various tribes who hunted up and down the rich valleys. For reason you will note in histories their unwillingness to give up the territory to the white man resulting in desperate campaigns and close contests. The numerous graves found on our hill-tops and arrow heads found in our valleys will add to the theory that this section of Sandy Valley was a sort of Indian Shrine, and a sacred hunting ground. No collection of relics have been located in the County.

17. No book of fiction has been recognized as having its setting in the present boundary of Floyd County, although some of the stories of feuds

used in fiction evidently occurred wholly or in part in the County.

Many Ballads have been written in and about the County. These are now being collected by special Project under the supervision of Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, Ballad Singer and Former Chautauqua performer. Mrs. James is writing the tunes also.

18. Our County has history connecting it with the first settlements, wars, etc., which has been described in Topics 622-625. We have several men who served in the Mexican trouble of 1916 and several Spanish American War Veterans.

Floyd County claims one of the outstanding Kentucky heroes of the World War, Pete McCoy. Mr. McCoy of Thomas, on John's Creek, this County killed 17 Germans and captured about 10 others at the same time, single-handed. It is impossible to get the exact story here. The old newspapers were destroyed and no one has any book on distinguished service men. Floyd has its quota in service men killed and wounded. A number of Floyd Countians have won their medal of Honor in the service.

19. Coal, oil and gas industries already mentioned are widely advertised. Feuds and Relief graft scandal are notorious. If all our feuds were traced they would make interesting stories. These are not usually talked or discussed by our citizens because of pride for our County and respect for both living and dead participants.

20. W. R. Thomas' description in "Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky" on folklore, etc, may be applied freely and wholly to Floyd County, pp 79-99, -The Country Folk especially as the conditions in the city and among the more cultured are not the same.

(I am collecting some material on these subjects for later manuscripts.)

21. Roads and navigation on Big Sandy River was discussed in manuscripts on Transportation topics 413 and 416. The river is only passable for boats during tides, winter or spring when water is high. No boats have run since about 1920.

and danced on the punchon floor to the tune of the fiddle.

This time we will return via Route 119 and U. S. 23 through Pikeville. This trip may be made in one day eating lunch on Bent Mountain.

Other trips taken more regularly are by motor via U. S. 23 to the Breaks of the Cumberland or to Pine Mountain. To the Breaks of the Cumberland one must turn left at Shelby on Route 80 to Elkhorn City. To the Pine Mountain follow U.S.23 by way of Jenkins.

22. Resorts described in Topic 510 may be used by Tourists. There are no public atheletic fields except those used by the High Schools of the County.

Prestonsburg has a very good Talkie Motion Picture house running daily, afternoon and evening, showing popular pictures. Nine or ten of the larger mining towns have movie houses.

23. Mining was described in topic 631 and in subject Industry and Commerce. We have no factories, the chief industries are coal, oil and gas. All these are shipped commercially as has been described in topic mentioned.

24. Schools, etc. discussed in 640 to 648.

25. Each of the High Schools mentioned in 640-641 manuscript have libraries that pass the H. S. Inspection. Prestonsburg High School library is perhaps the largest. All are card cataloged by the Dewey Decimal System and have library supervisors and students acting as pages.

The largest private libraries belong to lawyers in Prestonsburg. The Harkens' Law collections was once considered one of the best in the state.

Mr. French Combs has a general library and special collection on law, decisions, etc.

26. I am informed by Mr. W. Allen and other consultants at Prestonsburg that there are no paintings by famous artists in the County other than a few cheap prints. Mrs. Porter Mayo of Prestonsburg paints and gives lessons in drawing. She will also paint portraits.

27. Floyd has no museums. We are informed by Mr. Ballard Hunter of

Big Sandy River and said to be 10 years older than Cincinnati.

Martin was named for the Martins, now a city of 799 people, is a Railroad Center, has Route 80 through the town. This is the home of Dr. Walk Stumbo, one of the famous Stumbo surgeons, and the famous Beaver Valley Hospital is situated here. Has large High School already described and is the nearest town to the center of the County. (Home of Billy Lou Osborn, notorious peace officer and gunman who was killed here a few years ago.

Allen, a small town at the junction of Beaver Valley Branch C. & O. R.R., also routes 80 and 23. Was the home of W. R. Thomas, Author of "Life Among the Hills and Mountains of Kentucky". Former State Representative, Alex Allen lives here and formerly published a little newspaper.

The Allen bank was "held up" a few years ago by the Hopson Brothers bandits, but failed. The Allen Banker was quick witted, also a seasoned gunman. Allen is the gateway to Beaver Valley, where the majority of the County's population reside, and the heart of its industry and natural resources.

Wayland and Garrett are mining towns with altitude c. 1,000, on C. & O. R.R. Route 80, and both incorporated under same charter and same set of officers. This was mentioned in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column, we are told. Population c. 3,000. These two towns are about one and one-half miles apart. Each has its High School, stores and mines.

Weeksbury, Altitude 1,000 feet, population 1,509. Has High School, Hotel, and large mine. Local U.M.W.A. Union and Caliboose. Is situated at the end of the left Fork Beaver Branch line of the C. & O. R. R.

Is the old home of "Bad John Hall", officer and gunman. This is near the home of the famous feudist, Talt Hall, made immortal in song and story.

Wheelwright. Altitude c. 1,000 feet and population 1322, has large coal operation. Inland Steel Co., on C. & O. R. R. Spur, H. School, hotel, Company Commissary, many restaurants and a movie house.

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McDowell, Altitude 800-900 feet. Unable to get population. It is on the C. & O. R.R., has a High School, several stores and is the home of Mr. Palmer Hall, County Superintendent of Schools.

Dwale, is just a little hamlet, an example of the dead mining camp, one mile north of Allen. It is at the base of Bull Mountain on the south side. At the top of Bull Mountain is the site of an engagement between General Garfield's men and the Rebels. Here is the grave of an unknown soldier thought to be of the Southern Army. Lieutenant Greenville Davidson of Prestonsburg, an officer in the old army of the Confederacy, always kept the grave fenced in his life time. It is thought that he knew the soldier who fell there.

There is a two year High School at Dwale.

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This building has some beautiful art glass windows. The large front window is Plackhurst's "He is Risen" done in warm colors. The three windows on the west side are "The Good Shepherd" and the balcony windows on the east side "The Guardian Angel".

The Enterprise Baptist Church, known as the First Baptist Church, on the west corner, Court Street and Third Avenue, a brick, is being sold for \$12,500. including the lot. The money is to be invested in a new lot and a new building in a more desirable location.

The Presbyterian Church back on 4th Avenue, east of Court Street is an old fashioned brick refinished and stuccoed. The belfry is up on the front gable.

These three churches have weekly services, young people meetings, Ladie's Industrial Units and Sunday Schools.

The Pilgrim Holiness Church is a frame building on the U. S. 23 at the east side of town. It seats about 100 to 150 persons.

The Freewill Baptist Church is small frame building on Hill Street. These last two churches have no regular services.

Out in the country M. E. South Churches are frame buildings usually seat 100 to 150 and as follows: Allen, value \$4,000., Garrett \$6,000., Martin \$5,500., Maytown \$6,000., Wayland \$5,000., Wheelwright - Company owned, Auxier \$2,000..

Churches of Christ in the east end of the County are frame buildings seating 150-200 persons. The buildings are valued at c. \$2,000. each and located at Hueysville, Cracker, Harold, Honaker, Amba, Osborn and Galveston.

Meetings are held about once a month and some have Sunday Schools.

Rev. J. H. Keathley, Galveston, Ky.

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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Rock Hill

(Wireman Shoals Skirmish, December 2, 1862-Kerr's History Vol. II pp 1158-1160 says Prestonsburg December 4-5, 1862).

Wireman Shoals are located about 69 miles from Big Sandy Junction of C & O Railway on Big Sandy River.

This place may be reached by crossing Fraley Gap from U. S. 23 on Little Paint Creek near the base of Abbott Mountain, about one mile by dirt road (passable with wagons.) Eastward or one may leave East Point, travel through Auxier, cross to east side of river and up the river to sight of battle.

One may leave U. S. 23 at Cliff and travel north by river road to Wireman's Shoals. All are dirt roads which lead to battle site which is about five miles north of Prestonsburg.

Account of this skirmish as related by "Uncle Jeff Sizemore", 93, Union Veteran who was then stationed nearby.

Colonel Clarkson, Confederate leader, hearing of Federal operations in Sandy Valley, marched with 1500 men from West Virginia by night through John's Creek country, took his breakfast at John Willis Mayo's place near the mouth of Brandy Keg Creek and about two miles east of Prestonsburg. From his scouts he learned that push boats loaded with supplies were on their way up the river for Union Soldiers in this section. By a forced march he met them in these shoals. Colonel Clarkson stationed all his men who could cover behind Abe Wireman's house (big two-roomed hewed log) on the east side of the river and near the river bank. The others he sent under Lieutenant Colonel Beckley back up the east side of the river to cross at the ford at the mouth of Bay's Branch, and come down the west side of the river through what is now Bay's Branch Village. They stationed themselves on the bluff opposite the Shoals on that side of the river.

Seven "Yankee" pushboats appeared with only one small company guarding them, and just as they arrived in the worst of the Shoals against

the west shore, orders were given to fire on them. Some of the Union men left their boats to ascend the west banks, but were captured to a man with the exception of one killed, whose name was Hampton. Three Union Officers were captured, but were returned later by exchange. All the stores were carried away by Col. Clarkson's men, 500 mounted.

Account of this battle as related by residents of this vicinity.

A (Rebel) Confederate leader and his men forced Ned Horn, farmer, since deceased, then living at Patrick Swirl (2 miles from Prestonsburg, north) to guide them to nearest and roughest Shoals. He showed them the Wireman Shoal which suited them perfectly. They stationed themselves on each side of the river and attacked the "Yankee" supply boats just as they arrived in midst of the rough water. Rocks were rolled by "Rebels" from the bluffs on west side of the river. Federals surrendered and the stores were taken by the hungry southern soldiers, the boats being destroyed. Mr. Horn who had remained with the Orderlies guarding the horses was then made to guide the army to the main trail through Fraley Gap, already mentioned. This is now Mayo Trail (U. S. 23) leading south.

It is said that musket balls are some times found in the fields near Wireman Shoal. It is thought that the southern soldiers were short on ammunition by their resorting to rock rolling, but were resupplied from stores captured.

Battle of Middle Creek near Prestonsburg, January 10, 1862,
(Keer's History of Kentucky Vol. 2 pp 1159-1160.)

Union commander, Col. James A. Garfield, Confederate, Col.
Humphrey Marshall.

The battle site is located about 3 miles from Prestonsburg on Middle Creek, near where the Spurlock fork empties into the Main Creek from the south side. The "tobacco field" ridge where Marshall's men were

placed in between the main creek and Spurlock Fork about one mile from the junction of the two streams, presenting one whole side of the lower valley eastward. This is an ideal location for such an army at such a time.

Accounty of battle as given by "Uncle Jeff" Sizemore of Prestonsburg who fought in it with Garfield's Army.

James A. Garfield commanding the 18th Kentucky Brigade under commanders Chase and Buell and stationed near Columbus, Ohio received orders to take the Big Sandy Valley. Stationing himself at Paintsville, he decided to route Col. Humphrey Marshall from Prestonsburg. On the evening of January 9, 1862 he made camp on the north side of Abbott Mountain along present U. S. 23. Scouts reported that Marshall had left Prestonsburg and was retreating up Middle Creek, but was stopping at the forks for battle. Colonel Garfield wrote Lieutenant-Colonel Sheldon at Paintsville to bring the 700 men left as a garrison at Paintsville and re-enforce him next morning.

Very early on January 19, Garfield marched his men up Abbott Creek across "Aunt Nancy P" hill at West Prestonsburg and up Middle Creek through the bottoms of the north side to the Spradlin farm (now Sallie Stephens farm) out the Peggy Spradlin lane and then up the main road. His first Battalion 400 cavalry, under Frank L. Walford in front, when nearby the Spurlock Fork were fired upon by 2000 small arms from the ridge on the south side of the main creek below the fork (sounding like popcorn) and beaten back. Marshall's men were too eager, betraying their position without their General's orders. Garfield fell back taking cover behind cemetery hill and sent 100 picked men, 42 Kentucky, to locate Marshall's true position. They were cut to pieces but succeeded in making him show his location at the forks of the creek. Marshall's 6 cannon began to boom the balls flying just over Garfield's headquarters on cemetery point and into the hill beyond. The battle was on in earnest.

There were about 3,000 under Humphrey Marshall. Garfield had 40th Ohio under Major Pardee, 42 Kentucky under Col. Craynor; 14th Kentucky

under Major Labon T. Moore of Louisa; 22nd Kentucky under Major Monroe;

Cavalry under Frank L. Wolford, a total of about 1,500 men in the battle and only small arms.

They fought until late afternoon, neither side gaining. Col. Garfield sent Major Monroe with his 22nd Kentucky across the mountains on his south side up Spurlock to Fitzpatrick's farm and mill, up Mill Branch, thus getting in Marshall's rear. Marshall fell back on the "tobacco field" ridge firing all the time, but not steadily. At twilight he retreated up main Middle Creek taking his wounded and burning stores which he could not carry. Col. Garfield's 700 re-enforcements arrived too late in the evening to take part in the battle.

Garfield then made headquarters in the Bob Weddington house, now known as the Garfield Place in Prestonsburg, situated at the north end of Second Avenue and occupied by C. P. Stephens, Assistant District Attorney.

Uncle Jeff Sizemore says he remained on the battle field the next day January 11, 1862, burying dead confederates. They were placed in shallow graves with just a blanket or overcoat around them. He remembers that three were placed in one of the graves. These graves are located along the bottoms up Spurlock Fork to Fitzpatrick's farm. Only one man was recognized, Justice of Col. Trigg's regiment who was later taken up and buried at his old home in the settlements of Kentucky.

No trenches or breast works were used. Minnie balls (musket balls) and lead slugs were found in trees and fields of the vicinity, but no known collection of these are in existence.

"Uncle Jeff" Sizemore won't say that very many "Yankee" soldiers were killed, but T. M. Hereford of W. Prestonsburg says he has always heard that Tom Spradlin with a yoke of cattle and a sled hauled dead "Yankees" all that night of January 10, 1862, loading them on a flat boat at the mouth of Middle Creek. Any way several were killed on each side. Folks think that Garfield had more than 1,500 men and that "Uncle Jeff" prefers to make it two to one. There is a legend, says Alex M. Spradlin, West Prestonsburg, that

southern sympathizers, assisted by Col. Marshall's spies, delayed Garfield's 700 re-enforcement from Paintsville.

The Bull Mountain Skirmish by "Uncle Jeff" Sizemore.

After the battle of Wireman Shoals. Col. Clarkson pushed on for Pikeville following the old trail through Bull Creek to the mouth of Beaver Creek. On Bull Mountain he was ambushed by a small detachment of Federals. Having a strong force he went right through carrying his wounded with him. After the army had passed the Federal skirmishers found, at twilight, the body of one Confederate soldier which had been disemboweled by hogs. They buried the body where it was found by the roadside and there it is today.

Uncle Jeff says that his last name was Bird-- that many men were recognized by their names and outfits found worked in their clothing with colored thread.

For some reason this body was never claimed and the lonely grave may be seen there by the roadside, in a solitary woodland far from any home. Ghost stories have been told of the place and children and timid folk feel afraid in passing there. (Jeff's Parody of Bivouac of the Dead).

The Battle of the Ivy Narrows, as related by Uncle Jeff Sizemore. (Keer's Hist. says Nov. 8, 9, 1861). Nov. 1861.

The first battle in Big Sandy Valley, the Battle of Ivy Narrows C. 3 or 4 miles above Allen on U. S. 23, was fought between Col. A. J. May with 2,000 men and Col. Nelson with 2,000 Federals. May advanced from Pikeville, Nelson from Prestonsburg. Col. May stationed his men in the road (Ivy Narrows) with 2 cannon, meaning a lure for Nelson, up opposite in the fields and subdue him, but Nelson located his position and sent Capt. Williams up a ravine 400 yards below on left flank with a company to get in May's rear. The battle is called a draw, but May retreated toward Pikeville. Uncle Jeff says he knows of only one man who died. Henry Rust died of a wound in

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Widow Davidsnn's kitchen nearby. The soldier told of his sweetheart as he was dying and some one made a ballad about it. Uncle Jeff can sing a part of it. The death of Henry Rust or the Battle of Ivy Narrows. A very weird tune, I should say.

Confederates under Col. A. J. May fought Nelson at Ivy Narrows Nov. 9, 1861--May 7 killed, 24 wounded; Nelson 7 killed.

Floyd County Times, Dec. 1929.

A monument was to have been built with inscription something like the above at Ivy Battle site, near U. S. 23.

T. J. Sizemore, locally known as "Uncle Jeff" was born Oct. 2, 1842. He joined the Union Force in 1862, when he was 20 years of age, serving most of his time under Gen. Samuel G. Burbage. He was with Garfield and the 18th Brigade in the Battle of Middle Creek, was in the battle of Gettysburg, and saw Pickett's famous charge and is still thinking that Meade should have pressed Lee while he was retreating across the river. Uncle Jeff was at Appomattix when Lee surrendered and remembers vividly that 25,000 rations were ordered given Lee's starving men.

In fact he has an unusually clear mind and a good memory for one 93 years of age. He recites his history with a clear strong voice and fluently. He says he wants it written up well so it won't be said T. J. Sizemore turned out any history that wasn't well told or authentic. He recites Grant and Lee's conversation at Appomattix, and Garfield's Proclamation to Sandy Valley, word for word. The last is his favorite and he is very proud that he introduced Garfield's son at Prestonsburg to the Floyd Countians in 1932.

Uncle Jeff lives with relatives at Prestonsburg. His home is located one half mile out the Bull Creek road from the south end of First Avenue (across the bridge that was built into a cliff and mentioned in Repley's "Believe It Or Not" column.)

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The nearest Hotel towns to these battle sites are Prestonsburg, and Allen. Auxier Hotel or New Valley Inn on First Avenue. At Allen there is the Osborn Hotel on Main Street, convenient to the depot and bus station. On Abbott Mountain there are the Tourist Camp and Road House practically on the site of Col. James A. Garfield's Camp of Jan. 9, 1862.

From Prestonsburg, one has only to follow the Middle Creek road (passable by auto in summer) to the site of the battle of January 10, 1862, battle of Middle Creek.

Mrs. Isadore Horn, Auxier, Kentucky
Mrs. Jerry Goble, Auxier, Kentucky
Mr. Alex M. Spradlin, West Prestonsburg,
Mr. T. J. Sizemore, West Prestonsburg,
Kentucky.

With the good roads, more High Schools, and general progress, modern sports and recreations are being participated in by many people.

682 Amateur Sports Events. Great interest is taken in district and regional basketball tournaments held each year in ~~the month of~~ March. Business concerns ~~always~~ give awards and trophies for the winners. Football and baseball are played in season by the schools. Each mining town has its baseball, tennis, and croquet, teams competing with neighboring towns. The Gas Company employees also organize athletic teams and compete with each other.

683 Facilities.

Public - Each High School has its athletic field and gymnasium. Mining towns have their athletic field.

Private - Abbott Heights Country Club Grounds, Log Club House, Golf course and tennis courts. It is expected canoes will be added this year.

Henry Stephens Jr. has tennis courts at Cliff, just out of Prestonsburg. Tennis courts may be had on any public school grounds. Players must bring along equipment.

684. Community Singing. In our county included church choir practice, High School Glee Club singing, and occasional vesper service.

Other recreations are pool, poker, bridge, and lawn croquet. Those who do not like these go to the movies, Country Club or out driving.

685. Hunting and Fishing. Big Sandy River, Beaver Creek, Middle Creek, and John's Creek are all good fishing places. John's Creek is preferred by local anglers. These are also good places for turtles. One may fish 11 months in the year (only May excepted) with hook and line. A license is required for hunting and fishing. Bass, crappie, and newlite are not to be sold, and no bass taken under 11 inches long.

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Theatres.

There are no theatres, theatre companies, stock companies, little theatre groups nor legitimate theatres in this county.

Movies

There are nine motion houses in the county all "Talkies". The most important perhaps is Prestonsburg's "Unique" Theatre on Court Street in the Layne building. It seats 350 persons, is air conditioned, and has two simplex machines. Daily shows are run at 2:00 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. showing popular pictures, comedies, serials, Fox News and Metro-G.M. News. W. B. Boyd is the manager. Admission 15¢ and 30¢.

Talkies at Martin, Garrett, Lackey, Wayland, Wheelwright, Weeksbury, and Drift show daily. The Auxier Talkie runs weekly showing on Saturday night and occasionally on Sunday afternoon. Each of these talkie motion houses sometimes have Radio Stars or Traveling Vaudville companies for an evening's entertainment.

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In Prestonsburg, there are no radio stations; playhouses, ^{nor} in the county.

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General Description. Floyd County, whose map might, without great stretch of the imagination, be mistaken for a map of the state of Illinois, is situated in the eastern part of Kentucky in the heart of the coal fields. Parts of Fleming, Montgomery, and Mason counties—not one of which now borders it—were taken for its creation in 1749. Sixteen other counties, it is said, have since then been formed from territory embraced in Floyd at the time of its formation. The county was named after Colonel John Floyd, famous among the men of early Kentucky. He was a surveyor of renown, a leader among the pioneers, and an Indian fighter. The highest elevation in the county is 2,150 feet above sea level. The county's area is 255,360 acres, making it considerably above the size of the average Kentucky county.

Population. Latest Census Bureau estimates give the county a population of 30,599 inhabitants, an increase of more than 11% over the number enumerated in the 1920 census. When the decennial count was made, the number of foreign-born was placed at six-tenths of one percent of all inhabitants. There were 5,172 males between the ages of 18 and 44 years, and 4,761 females of like ages.

Mineral Resources*. The hard surface rocks of Floyd County consist of occasional very thin limestones, thick, massive, and thinly bedded sandstones, shales, and coals of the Pottsville (Lower Pennsylvanian) series. Some of the ridge strata adjacent to both Martin County on the northeast and Magoffin County on the southwest, carry remnants of the overlying Allegheny formation which elsewhere has been entirely removed by erosion. The valley bottoms contain alluvial clays, sands, and gravels of Pleistocene and Recent age. The regional structure is geosynclinal, the great Coal Measure trough of Eastern Kentucky passing northeastwardly through the county.

The two principal mineral resources of Floyd County are bituminous coal and natural gas. The exposed section of the Coal Measures in this district exhibits about eight seams, of which the following four: (1) Van Lear, (2) Wayland, (3) Lower Elkhorn, and (4) Fireclay coals, are of commercial importance. The best coal deposits occur in the western and eastern parts of the county.

*Prepared by Willard L. Nelson, Director Kentucky Geological Survey.

In 1925 Floyd County produced 4,851,721 tons of coal. Natural gas is produced throughout the central-western and the northwestern part of the county, principally from the Maxon, Big Injun, Berea (Mississippian), and Ohio shales (Devonian), at depths ranging from 1,000 to 2,200 feet. Oil has a rather wide occurrence in small quantities in Floyd County, and has been produced in commercial quantity on Right Beaver Creek near the mouth of Salt Lick for thirty-five years, the original production having been drilled in during 1891.

Sandstones suitable for bridge abutment and other rough construction purposes are available, and loose sand sufficiently clean and sharp for constructional purposes is found as transported deposits in the creek bottoms throughout the county. Brines were formerly produced on Left Middle Creek near Blue River Postoffice, from shallow wells, for salt manufacture, but this industry has long since been abandoned. Separate surface and subsurface structural geological maps of Floyd County are available (scale: 1 inch equals 1 mile). A recent oil and gas map of the county in colors at the scale of 1 inch equals 1 mile is also available. The topography has been delineated to the scale of 1:62,500 on the Prestonsburg, Harold, Pikeville, and Hindman quadrangles.

Bonded Indebtedness. Bonds in the total sum of \$575,000 have been authorized by citizens for road improvement. Few counties have made appropriations of like amount for similar purposes.

Surface and Soil. The surface is mountainous in the southern and eastern sections, with here and there valleys of marked fertility. Crop lands harvested in 1924 amounted to 30,205 acres. There were 72,632 acres in pasture land, and 57,941 acres in unpastured woodland.

Water Supply. Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River flows northward almost through the center of the county. Beaver, Abbott, Middle, Mud, and John creeks are among its tributaries, contributing to the drainage and watering of the territory and providing the valleys through which the mineral resources of the county are largely developed.

Industries. Coal mining is the chief industry, with gas and oil conspicuous among the county's products. There are said to be about 100

different coal operations within the borders of the county, it being estimated that 1927 production will surpass that of any previous year. New pipe lines were being laid during the current year from the county's gas fields, which supply natural gas to Louisville and other cities and towns.

Crops. To the state's apple harvest of over 5,000,000 bushels in 1924 Floyd County contributed 141,579 bushels, an amount exceeded by only one other county. The peach crop totaled 15,624 bushels. The harvest of white potatoes totaled 61,683 bushels, and of sweet potatoes and yams 17,240 bushels. Corn was the principal grain crop, 457,893 bushels being produced in 1924. Tonnage of hay that year was 2,817. The value of cattle in 1925 was \$176,008; of mules, \$175,479; of horses, \$93,630, and of swine, \$74,866. The estimated production of milk in 1924 was 1,329,570 gallons. Poultry and eggs had a combined value the same year of over \$251,000.

Transportation. The Big Sandy Division of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway traverses the county from north to south, giving the territory outlet to the main east and west lines of the C. & O. System at Ashland, and placing it in communication with Elkhorn City and other points in the extreme eastern end of the state. Numerous branches of the railroad traverse the creek valley districts and provide freight and passenger service for the mining communities. Daily bus service was inaugurated in the fall of 1927 between Prestonsburg, the county seat, and Paintsville, with connections at the latter point by bus with the cities and towns of the lower Big Sandy Valley.

Highways. Realization of its dream for highway communication with the outside world was near at hand for Floyd County in the closing months of 1927. The famous Mayo Trail had been graded and drained from Prestonsburg to the north county line by the beginning of October, and the middle of the month witnessed completion of the imposing bridge at Cliff, just outside the corporation limits of the county seat. Draining and grading of the same highway from Prestonsburg to Allen on the south was being rushed in the fall months, with prospects of completion of this stage of the work by the beginning of another year. It is anticipated that the year 1928 will witness the surfacing of the Trail across almost the entire county, the route from Allen to the Pike County line having been projected. Grading was in progress on a road up Middle Creek from Prestonsburg in the late fall months. Contract for grading and draining of a road 10 miles in length up Beaver Creek was scheduled for letting before the end of the year. Yet another important project is a Big Mud Creek road, starting at Harold, 5 miles of which is now under construction. This road will ultimately reach Jenkins and Wheelwright.

Educational. Floyd County enjoys the enviable record of maintaining 14 white high schools. Four of them were established within the last year, and each of these boasts of a modern high school building erected at a cost of not less than \$30,000. The schools are situated in the following communities: Prestonsburg, Auxier, Bonanza, Allen, Betsy Layne, Martin, Maytown, Weeksbury, Wheelwright, Garrett, Bascoe, Lackey, and McDowell. In the 128 white elementary schools, 167 teachers are employed. There are 4 elementary colored

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schools with 4 colored teachers. The average number of pupils attending the schools of the county in 1926 was 10,418. The Prestonsburg High School is under the joint direction of the local and county boards of education. It is a Class A school in its accredited relations. There are no private schools or colleges in the county.

Cities and Towns. Prestonsburg, the county seat and chief town, is located on Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River in the northern part of the county. It has a population estimated at now close to 2,000 inhabitants. Its attractions and advantages include 2 banks, a newspaper, 4 churches, paved streets, a water system, and excellent electric service. It is the eastern Kentucky headquarters of the Louisville Gas & Electric Company and is the home-office site of several of the coal and oil and gas companies operating in the territory. Allen, Wayland, and Weeksbury are other banking towns in the county.

Opportunities. Prestonsburg, by reason of an extensive marketing territory in which the mining communities of this and adjoining counties form such a factor, is pointed out as a logical location for manufacturing enterprises devoted to shirt and overall making and to handle factories. Hickory and white oak are available for wood-working industries, it is said.

It would seem, however, that opportunities particularly attractive await those who would engage in agricultural enterprises. Claim is made that eight and a half million dollars' worth of poultry and dairy products were shipped into the Big Sandy Valley last year, Floyd County being one of the heavily consuming districts. Those already on the scene are apparently taking cognizance of the possibilities at hand, as evidenced by recent developments in agricultural lines. Thirty model poultry houses have been erected in the county since March, 1927. In the same time 36 purebred Poland China sires have been imported into the district. Since March, 4 purebred bulls have been purchased, none previously being owned in the county, it is said. Nearly 1,000 bushels of soy beans were sown in 1927 where none had been sown before. The junior agricultural clubs of the county have 208 members, specializing during the current year on pigs and poultry.

Especially inviting, it is claimed, are the profits awaiting those who engage in dairying, cattle and sheep raising, and poultry and egg production. Hardly less appealing is the opportunity, champions of the county declare, ahead of those who turn their attention to the raising of apples and peaches. Two large commercial orchards are now in bearing, and 2 others are under way. That climate and soil are especially adapted to orcharding would seem to be borne out by the production record cited earlier in this report. With present railroad facilities and the rapid development of highways over which truck transportation will be assured, adequate marketing facilities for the products of farm and orchard will be at hand when the sponsors of such enterprises are ready for them.

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